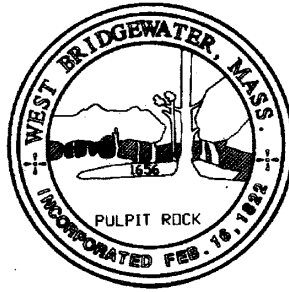




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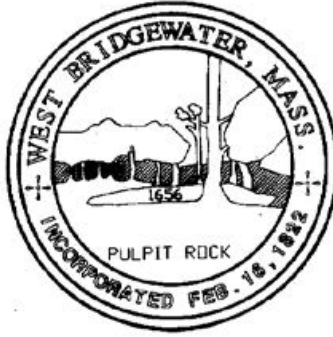
**ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
OF THE
TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2017.**



*The 2017 Annual Town Report
is Dedicated in Memory of*



Howard Anderson
Chief of Police
1989-1997



In Memoriam

Muriel Goucher

Council on Aging

Thomas Hunt

Fire Department

Ruth Perkins

School Cafeteria

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Board of Selectmen

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen hereby submits its 196th Annual Town Report.

In 2017, Eldon F. Moreira was re-elected to his thirteenth term on the Board of Selectmen. Under reorganization, Jerry D. Lawrence was named Chairman, Anthony J. Kinahan, Vice Chairman, and Eldon F. Moreira, Clerk.

The Board continued its multi-year efforts to modernize Town government. The Board utilized its website and social media platforms to communicate Town information to residents in a timely and efficient manner. Town Administrator David Gagne continued providing concise filmed previews of upcoming Board meeting agenda topics, and explaining key topics to the public.

On June 2, 2017, the Board of Selectmen held a ceremony at River Bend Country Club to commemorate the Town's purchase of the golf course. This historic purchase retained open space with minimal expense to residents. Johnson Golf Management, a professional golf management company, was selected to manage the day to day operations of the course.

Additionally, the Board finalized a lengthy process to bring a municipal electric aggregation program to the Town. The Town Meeting approved program enabled property owners to purchase electricity at a lower rate by utilizing a new electricity source without having to individually shop for suppliers on their own.

Also of note during 2017 was the merger of the Forestry and Highway Departments into a single Department of Public Works. This merger positioned the Town for long-term benefits resulting from a shared pool of resources and operational efficiencies.

Long-term Fire Chief Leonard Hunt; Treasurer Collector John Duggan; Assistant Library Director April McDermott; and Head of Library Reference Sherry Pinter retired in 2017. Mallory Aronstein left her post as the Assistant Town Administrator. Promotions included: Shawn Anderson to Assistant Director, Department of Public Works; Scott Golder to Treasurer Collector; Christopher Iannitelli to Department of Public Works Director; and Timothy Nixon to Police Lieutenant.

The Town welcomed Constance Holmes as Head Secretary, Council on Aging; Ray Medina as Water Department Laborer; Ashley Warren as Children's Cataloguer/Assistant Youth Services Programs; and Tami Houde, Assessor's Principal Secretary.

Within the Selectmen's office Tracy Altrich was promoted to Assistant Town Administrator. Along with her day to day activities, Ms. Altrich assumed the role of Licensing Coordinator, and began working with other departments to seek funding and assistance to further the Town's commitments to the State under its Community Compact.

Town Administrator David Gagne continued an internship program with Bridgewater State University. Nicole Skyleson, a graduate student, was hired in October and assisted with special projects and research.

The program continued to be a successful one aimed at better positioning local students with hands on local municipal experience.

The Board wishes to thank its office staff, Tracy Altrich and Christine Haggerty for their hard work and dedication to the Town. The Board also extends its thanks to Town Administrator David Gagne for his continued contributions toward the betterment of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry D. Lawrence, Chairman, jlwr99851@aol.com
Anthony J. Kinahan, Vice Chairman, akinahan@wbridgewater.com
Eldon F. Moreira, Clerk

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**TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS
2017**

	Term Elected	Expires
MODERATOR		
James E. Benson	2015	2018
TOWN CLERK		
Anne G. Iannitelli.....	2015	2018
SELECTMEN		
Anthony J. Kinahan.....	2016	2019
Eldon F. Moreira.....	2017	2020
Jerry D. Lawrence.....	2015	2018
ASSESSORS		
Stephen McCarthy.....	2016	2019
Paula M. Bunker	2017	2020
Cheryl A. Smith.....	2015	2018
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY		
Scott Ames	2017	2020
Kristine Roberts.....	2017	2018
Marian Goode.....	2016	2019
Paula J. Phillips	2017	2020
Deborah A. Lancaster.....	2015	2018
David A. Church.....	2015	2018
SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
Donna Hulme.....	2015	2018
William L. Flynn, III.....	2016	2019
Molly P. Smith.....	2016	2019
James M. Holden.....	2017	2020
Susan M. Sullivan.....	2015	2018
WATER COMMISSIONERS		
Thomas P. Snell.....	2016	2019
Richard E. Krugger, Jr.	2017	2020
Donald G. Asack.....	2015	2018
TREE WARDEN		
Christopher D. Iannitelli.....	2015	2018
CONSTABLES		
Bruce Holmquist.....	2016	2019
Patrick Galligan.....	2016	2019
BOARD OF HEALTH		
Linda J. Simpson.....	2016	2019
Bradford W. Piesco	2017	2020
John F. Cruz.....	2015	2018

PLANNING BOARD

Howard Anderson.....	2015	2020
Hugh Hurley.....	2016	2021
Gerald Stetson.....	2017	2022
James R. Noyes	2013	2018
Anthony Kinahan.....	2014	2019

HOUSING AUTHORITY

7 Esther Dr.

Marion L. Leonard.....	2016	2021
Nancy L. Morrison.....	2013	2018
Diane Perry.....	2013	2018
Raymund S. Rogers.....	2014	2019
John F. Cruz.....	2015	2020

**OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN
TERMS EXPIRE EACH YEAR UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

David L. Gagne

ADA COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Joan Shea.....	2017	2018
Vacancy	2015	2018
Brenda Cappiello.....	2017	2018
Maria Baker.....	2016	2019
Denise Lewis.....	2016	2019
Marilyn Raleigh.....	2017	2020
Alternate Members:		
Diane Perry	2015	2018
Vacancy	2017	2018

ADA COORDINATOR

Eldon Moreira

ADMINISTRATOR OF INSURANCE

David L. Gagne, Administrator
Dr. Patricia Oakley, School Superintendent

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Amy Murphy.....	2016	2018
Vacancy.....	2015	2018
Kathleen Williams	2017	2018
Timothy Hay.....	2017	2020
Victoria Benea.....	2016	2019
Marcy Tannenbaum.....	2017	2020
Dan Howard.....	2017	2020

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Sgt. Michael Winkler

BOARD OF APPEALS

James Henderson.....	2015	2020
Walter Thayer	2014	2019
William Lucini.....	2015	2020
Tom P. Snell.....	2013	2018
Keith Porges.....	2013	2018
Alternate Members:		
Bruce Holmquist 1 st Alternate.....	2013	2018
Gayle Cipitelli 2 nd Alternate.....	2014	2019

BAY CIRCUIT GREEN BELT COMMITTEE

Conservation Commission

Historical Commission

BROCKTON ARC REPRESENTATIVE

Diane Perry.....	2016	2019
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BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Eldon Moreira, Liaison

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Michael White

ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR

Robert Kirby

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mark Churchill.....	2017	2020
Paul Watson.....	2015	2018
Stephanie Churchill.....	2017	2020
Zack Gorman.....	2017	2020
Jerry Lawrence	Ex Officio	
Scott Cray.....	Ex Officio	
Benjamin Smith.....	Station Manager	

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

David L. Gagne

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE

Christopher Iannitelli.....	2017	2020
Joan McAndrew.....	2017	2020
Anthony(Tony) Kinahan	2017	2020
Cheryl Cambria.....	2012	2015
John Cruz	2012	2015
James Henderson.....	2015	2018
Stephen McCarthy.....	2015	2018
Warren Turner.....	2015	2018
John J. Connolly Jr.....	2015	2018

COMPUTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Scott Golder	David Gagne	Wayne Parks
Patricia Oakley	Marilyn Mather	John Collins
Victor Flaherty, Jr.	Ed Sarro	Ellen Snoeyenbos
Patrick Harrington		

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
 Director Christopher D. Iannitelli (November 2017)
 Asst. Director Shawn Anderson (November 2017)

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
 Mallory Aronstein (resigned)
 Tracy Altrich (November 2017)

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY
 Tracy Altrich

CONSERVATION AGENT
 John DeLano

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Ryan Byrnes	2017	2018
Steven Winters	2017	2018
Maurice McCarthy.....	2017	2020
Timothy Hay.....	2017	2020
Lee Anderson.....	2017	2020
Alternate Members:		
Paula Bethoney, 1 st Alternate	2017	2018
Vacancy , 2nd Alternate	2016	2017

COUNCIL ON AGING

Monica Armstrong.....	2015	2018
Patricia Sherman.....	2016	2019
David V. Fazio.....	2016	2019
Linda Gibson.....	2016	2019
Joan McAndrew.....	2017	2020
Marguerite Morse.....	2017	2020
Bruce Holmquist.....	2017	2020
James Henderson.....	2016	2021
Robert Marks	2017	2020

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Vacancy	2012	2017
Elizabeth Jones	2017	2020
Jeanne Smith	2017	2020
Angie McCormick.....	2013	2017
Lauren Feroli.....	2017	2020
Vacancy.....	2014	2017
Vacancy.....	2014	2020
Scott Fortier	2017	2020
Caitlin Bell.....	2017	2023

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Nicholas Chuckran.....	2016	2021
Leonard Hunt.....	2013	2018
Richard Rogers.....	2013	2018
Stephen Lang.....	2013	2018
Kathleen Murphy.....	2014	2019

ELDER SERVICES DIRECTOR

Marilyn Mather

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER

Leonard T. Hunt

ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER

Ronald P. Snell

FENCE VIEWERS

Vacancy.....	2014	2017
Vacancy.....	2015	2018
Hugh Hurley.....	2016	2019

FIELD DRIVERS

Howard A. Anderson.....	2016	2019
Paula Bunker	2017	2020
Vacancy.....	2015	2018

FINANCE COMMITTEE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON

David L. Gagne

FIRE CHIEF

Leonard T. Hunt

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Leonard T. Hunt

FORESTRY AND PARKS SUPERINTENDENT

Christopher D. Iannitelli

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR

Leonard T. Hunt

HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Christopher Lynds	David Gagne	Maureen Adams
Michael Hutchinson	Todd Cantalupo	Michael Hyde
Scott Golder		

HERRING WARDEN

John Cruz	Donald MacDonald	James Souza
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HIGHWAY & VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT

Shawn Anderson, Interim

ASSISTANT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT

Thomas Souza

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Jonathan Ames II.....	2015	2018
Robert Bevis.....	2013	2018
Dorna Bevis.....	2016	2019
Christine Newman.....	2016	2019
Thomas J. McAndrew.....	2017	2020
Joan McAndrew.....	2017	2020
James Benson.....	2017	2020
Eldon Moreira.....	Ex Officio	
Jerry Lawrence.....	Ex Officio	
Anthony Kinahan.....	Ex Officio	

LIQUOR LICENSE AGENT

Sgt. Christopher Werner

LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Kelli Hutchings James Benson

LOCKUP KEEPER

Officer Daniel Sullivan

MASS. BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ADVISORY BOARD

Anthony(Tony) Kinahan

MEMORIAL AND VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE

Patrick Galligan.....	2015	2018
Richard McMahon.....	2015	2018
Peter McPhail.....	2015	2018
James Benson.....	2015	2018
Bruce Holmquist.....	2016	2019
Eldon Moreira.....	2017	2020
Anne G. Iannitelli.....	2017	2020

MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD

Joseph Olivier.....	2015	2018
Anthony J. Kinahan	2017	2020
Vacancy	2014	2017
Vacancy	2014	2017
Michele Kinahan.....	2017	2020

MUNICIPAL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

Marco J. Barrile.....	2015	2018
James Enos.....	2015	2018
Peter Morini.....	2016	2019
Gayle Cipitelli.....	2016	2019
Vacancy.....	2017	2020
James Holden	2017	2020
Arthur Cabral.....	2017	2020
Peter Moroni.....	2016	2019

O.C.P.C. AREA AGENCY ON AGING
Patricia Sherman, Delegate

OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES, INC.
Wendy Adams

OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Shawn Anderson, Interim Highway & Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent, Delegate

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

Eldon F. Moreira, Delegate.....	2017	2020
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O.C.P.C. MULTIPLE HAZARD COMMUNITY PLANNING TEAM
Leonard T. Hunt, Delegate

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

Janice L. O'Brien.....	2017	2020
Howard W. Hayward.....	2015	2018
Mary Wynne-Yee.....	2015	2018
Cheryl Cambria.....	2015	2018
John Ames.....	2016	2019
Vacancy	2016	2019
John Delano.....	2017	2020
Donna Connerty	2017	2020
Christopher Iannitelli.....	2017	2020
Adam Anderson.....	2017	2019

PARKING CLERK
Jerry Lawrence

PEST CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT

Christopher Iannitelli.....	2017	2020
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PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR
John F. Cruz

ASSISTANT PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR
Mark Dangoja

PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD
Anthony Kinahan

POLICE CHIEF
Victor R. Flaherty, Jr.

PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL DESIGNEE
Eldon F. Moreira

Mallory Aronstein	RECYCLING COMMITTEE Vacancy	Julie Amaral
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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Francis J. Boyd.....	2015	2018
John Cruz.....	2016	2019
Linda J. Simpson.....	2017	2020
Anne G. Iannitelli	2015	2018

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Sarah Amaral-Smith	Nancy Maloney	David Gagne
Henry (Chip) Bradford	Molly Smith	Anne Iannitelli
Susan Sullivan	Dr. Patricia W. Oakley	Julie Hamblin
Marco Barrile	Mark Bodwell	Mary Graziano
Meredith Anderson	Gary Keith	James Holden
Jim Kjelgaard	Ed Perrault	Donald Clark
Leonard Hunt	Terry Daley	Susan Kenneally
Marilyn Raleigh	Enrique Arce	Bruce Holmquist
Victor Flaherty, Jr.		

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURERS

David Moore

SERVICE MEMBER RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Vacancy.....	2013	2016
Vacancy.....	2013	2016
William Kovatis.....	2015	2018
David Leighton.....	2017	2020
Dean Hardy.....	2017	2020

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Paul Meehan	Robert Kominsky	Lincoln B. Thibeu
William Stoddard	John T. Pettingill	Dean Hardy
Bruce Holmquist	Robert Kominsky	Peter Mayhew
Donald Clark	Sean Matthies	Ezequiel Sanchez

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REVIEW BOARD (TIF)

Meredith Anderson.....	2016	2018
Steve McCarthy.....	2015	2018
Leonard T. Hunt	2017	2020
Eldon Moreira.....	2016	2019
Scott Golder.....	2017	2019
David Gagne.....		Liaison

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Kathleen Reed

TOWN COUNSEL

David Gay, Esq.

TOWN RIVER FISHERIES COMMITTEE

James Sniger.....	2017	2020
Donald MacDonald		Herring Warden
James Souza		Herring Warden
John Cruz		Herring Warden

TOWN WEIGHER

Vacancy

TREASURER/COLLECTOR

John G. Duggan(Retired)

Scott T. Golder

VETERANS AGENT

Walter Thayer

VICTOR R. FLAHERTY, SR. CIVIC AWARD COMMITTEE

Victor R. Flaherty, Jr

William Kovatis

Kenneth May

Nancy Morrison

Jerry Lawrence

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL

Wayne Parks

WEST BRIDGEWATER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Leonard T. Hunt, Director

Victor R. Flaherty, Deputy

Kenneth May, Deputy

Bruce Holmquist, Deputy

Robert Casper, Deputy

WIRING INSPECTOR

David Bentley

ASSISTANT WIRING INSPECTOR

Gregory Paul

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

COMMITTEE TO APPOINT A FINANCE COMMITTEE

Stephen Hobbs

Marion Loughman

Robert Smith

Christopher Boujoukos

Joseph Kameese

STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Russell Regan

Bruce Holmquist

Stephen Hobbs

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janice Fox	2016	2019
Jeri Screnci.....	2016	2019
Meredith Anderson.....	2016	2019
Cheryl Adams	2016	2019
John Waller.....	2016	2019
Jennifer Clark-Croes.....	2014	2017
Maurice McCarthy	2014	2017
David Gagne	Liaison	

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Lee Anderson

Howard A. Anderson

BOARD OF HEALTH PHYSICIAN

Dr. Brian Blanchette

BURIAL AGENTS
Anne Iannitelli Sharon L. Ledin

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE
CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF
Kenneth J. May

Connor Duffy William A Choate Lincoln Thibeault Kenneth J. May Patrick C. Harrington Kevin Foster	DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS Adam J. Silva C. Douglas Hill, Jr. David L. Niklason John A. Bartorelli Corey P. Silva	Timothy J. Sheehan Michael Fournier Christopher B. Lynds Shane D. Carr Patrick S. Picher
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LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES

The following monies were received in the Town Clerk's office and paid to the Treasurer:

Building, Plumbing, Gas & Electric Permits	\$ 133,529.00
Transfer Station & Recycling Fees	\$ 140,250.00
Town Clerk Certificates	\$ 11,415.00
Dog Licenses & Late Fees	\$ 23,775.00
Dog Citations	\$ 1,030.00
Non-Criminal Fines	\$ 496.00
Misc. Receipts	\$ 13,974.00
TOTAL	\$ 324,469.00

FOR THE PROTECTION OF PRIVACY OF WEST BRIDGEWATER RESIDENTS, THE NAMES AND DATES OF BIRTH, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES ARE NO LONGER INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT.

The total number of birth recorded in 2017 was	78
The total number of marriages recorded in 2017 was	53
The total number of deaths recorded in 2017 was	125

Certified copies of vital records are available upon request at the usual fee.
Please call the Town Clerk's office (508)-894-1200 for further information.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne G. Iannitelli, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
2017 STATISTICS**

REGISTERED VOTERS

PRECINCT ONE

American Independent Party	1
Conservative	0
Democrat	492
Green-Rainbow	3
Libertarian	11
MA Independent Party	2
Pizza Party	1
Prohibition	1
Republican	428
Timesizing Not Downsizing	1
Unenrolled	1599
United Independent Party	23
TOTAL	2562

PRECINCT TWO

American Independent Party	0
Conservative	1
Democrat	476
Green-Rainbow	2
Libertarian	2
MA Independent Party	0
Pizza Party	0
Prohibition	0
Republican	368
Timesizing Not Downsizing	0
Unenrolled	1516
United Independent Party	12
TOTAL	2377

TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS – 4939

**TOTAL POPULATION
7104
RESIDENCE STATISTICS
2714 Housing Units
174 Vacant Residences**

2019 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

April 13, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Spring Street School

2018 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

June 11, 2018

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – 10TH PLYMOUTH DIST.

Michelle DuBois

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Elizabeth A. Warren

Edward J. Markey

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Stephen F. Lynch

COUNCILLOR – 2ND DISTRICT

Robert L. Jubinville

STATE SENATOR

Walter J. Timilty

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2017**

The Annual Town Election was held at the Spring Street School on Saturday, April 8, 2017. Constable Bruce L. Holmquist, in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws and the By-laws of the Town of West Bridgewater, posted the Warrant, issued by the Board of Selectmen on March 17, 2017.

Specimen ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls were opened at 9:00 a.m. The voting machines in both precincts were inspected and a zero total was printed out. A total of 1100(precinct 1) and 1100(precinct 2) ballots were given to each Warden, Marilyn Raleigh(precinct 1) and Warren Turner (precinct 2).

At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. the voting machines showed a total of 959 votes had been cast. One ballot was in the auxiliary box for precinct 1 which was hand counted at the close of polls. The total ballots cast was 960.

The following were sworn in as election officials:

Precinct 1: Marilyn Raleigh, Warden; Marion Loughman, Clerk; June Carveth, Diane Perry, Roberta Turner, Frances Deibel, Checkers; Sharon Trojano, Tally

Precinct 2: Warren Turner, Warden, Beverly Reynolds, Clerk; Roberta Waite, Sandra Irving, Janet Cole, Joan McAndrew, Checkers; Kathleen Grant, Tally.

Jackson and Jefferson Roberts assisted with the setting up and taking down the election equipment.

The election proceeded as follows:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	Vote for One	# of Votes
Three Years		
Eldon F. Moreira	30 Grant St.	496
Victor Palmieri	398 East St.	443
Scatterings		5
Blanks		16

Eldon F. Moreira, declared elected

BOARD OF ASSESSORS	Vote for One	# of Votes
Three Years		
Gerald E. Stetson	95 Bryant St.	386
Paula M. Bunker	123 N. Elm St., Apt. 2	532
Scatterings		0
Blanks		42

Paula M. Bunker, declared elected

SCHOOL COMMITTEE	Vote for One	# of Votes
Three Years		
James M. Holden	70 Roosevelt Ave	718
Scatterings		2
Blanks		240

James M. Holden, declared elected

BOARD OF HEALTH	Vote for One	# of Votes
Three Years		
Bradford W. Piesco	35 Progressive Ave	734
Scatterings		1
Blanks		225

Bradford W. Piesco, declared elected

PLANNING BOARD	Vote for One	# of Votes
Five Years		
Gerald E. Stetson	95 Bryant St.	649
Scatterings		5
Blanks		306

Gerald E. Stetson, declared elected

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY	Vote for Two	# of Votes
Three Years		
Scott Ames	4 Stonecroft Farm Lane	613
Paula J. Phillips	50 Bedford St.	585
Scatterings		6
Blanks		716

Scott Ames, and Paula J. Phillips, declared elected

WATER COMMISSIONER	Vote for One	# of Votes
Three Years		
Hugh Hurley	113 Howard St.	394
Richard E. Krugger, Jr.	259 Spring St.	550
Scatterings		1
Blanks		15

Richard E. Krugger, Jr., declared elected

A true copy, Attest:


 Anne G. Jannitelli
 Town Clerk

**Special Town Meeting
Minutes
April 20, 2017 7:00 p.m.
Middle/Senior High School Auditorium**

A meeting in which the inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Bruce L. Holmquist on April 6, 2017. The opening of the meeting was delayed due to the number of voters still in line to be checked in at 7:00PM. The Special Town Meeting was opened at 7:45 PM by Moderator James Benson with 470 qualified voters and 8 guests. The meeting proceeded as follows:

Moderator James Benson exercised his right by Art #3 section #12 of the Town of West Bridgewater's General By-Laws and called for ballot vote on article #1

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money, not to exceed \$4.5 million, to purchase River Bend Country Club, located at 250 East Center Street, or take any other action

MOVE: That the Town borrow a sum of money, not to exceed \$4.5 million, to purchase River Bend Country Club, located at 250 East Center Street, said real estate consisting of approximately 167 acres, more or less, as described in a deed recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 14890, Page 142.

Anthony Kinahan made motion and it was seconded a brief video presentation on the golf course. Anthony Kinahan and David Gagne spoke about the article.

FIN COM: Voted to support the article, 6 members voted unanimously.

BOS: Voted to support the article selectmen recommend, Eldon Moriera says he voted against it was not unanimous.

Neil Conley asked for the selectmen to speak about how they feel about the vote.

Eldon Moreira has concerns about the cost of the golf course. He is against it.

Jerry Lawrence thinks it is a spectacular property and wants to preserve open space. He voted for it. Anthony Kinahan said they found way to preserve an 160 acres without costing the town money. He voted for it.

Several others spoke about the article.

The question of CPA monies was brought up as a way to pay for it. Jeri Screnci from Fin Com said that because of the way the CPA money has to be divided there is not enough money for this purchase.

Warren Turner moved the question it was seconded

Passed unanimously

The Tellers were sworn in by Town Clerk, Anne Iannitelli, Town Clerk

Tellers: Joan McAndrew, Sandra Irving, Louise Domingos, Sharon Ledin, Kathleen Grant , Maureen Adams, Marion Loughman, John Hughes, Arthur Cabral, Scott Fortier and Joseph Kennedy.

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY 2/3 MAJORITY
BALLOT VOTE YES: 370 NO: 93**

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaws by adding the following as Article 55 of the Town General Bylaws:

ARTICLE 55

TOWN GOLF COURSE REVOLVING FUND

Section 1. The Town shall establish a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44 §53E½ for the purpose of administering income received from operation of the Town Golf Course. For purposes of this bylaw, the Town Golf Course is the 18-hole golf course known as the River Bend Country Club, located at 250 East Center Street in the Town of West Bridgewater, occupying approximately 167 acres of land, more or less, and including all buildings and facilities located thereon.

Section 2. The program for which the revolving fund may be expended is the Town Golf Course. All maintenance, costs, expenses, fees, debt service, bond payments, insurance premiums, legal fees and other obligations of the Town, resulting from the Town's acquisition, ownership, control, management or oversight of the Town Golf Course, are part of said program for which the revolving fund may be expended.

Section 3. All income received from any management company contracting with the Town to manage the Town Golf Course, and all other income received from the acquisition or operation of the Town Golf Course, shall be credited to the revolving fund.

Section 4. The Board authorized to expend from such fund is the Board of Selectmen.

Section 5. Annual spending limits for the revolving fund shall be set pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. c. 44, § 53E ½ .

Section 6. Upon termination of the revolving fund, the balance in the fund at the end of that fiscal year shall revert to surplus revenue at the close of the fiscal year.

MOVE: That the Town amend the General Bylaws by adding Article 55 as printed on the Warrant.

Anthony Kinahan made motion and it was seconded

BOS: Voted to support the article unanimously.

FIN COM: Voted to support the article 6 members unanimously.

David Gagne spoke to the article

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to set the upper limit on expenditures from the Town Golf Course Revolving Fund established under Article 55 of the Town By-Laws at \$400,000.00, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town set the upper limit on expenditures from the Town Golf Course Revolving Fund established under Article 55 of the Town Bylaws at \$400,000.

Anthony Kinahan made motion and it was seconded

BOS: Voted to support the article unanimously.

FIN COM: Voted to support the article 6 members unanimously.

David Gagne spoke to the article

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

A motion was made to dissolve the meeting and it was seconded.

Upon Vote the Meeting was dissolved at 9:40 PM.

A true copy, Attest:



Anne G. Iannitelli, Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**Monday, June 12, 2017 – 7:15 PM
West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School Auditorium**

Moderator James Benson open the Special Town Meeting at 7:15 pm

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to provide for the snow and ice deficit in the General Fund -Dept 4230 -DPW Snow and Ice, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer the sum of \$256,000 from budget 9100 Benefits to provide for the snow and ice deficit in the General Fund – Department 4230-DPW Snow and Ice.

Moved: Shawn Anderson seconded
Fin Com: recommended unanimously
BOS: recommended unanimously
Shawn Anderson spoke to the article

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion was made to dissolved and seconded.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING WAS DISSOLVED AT 7:17 PM

A true copy, Attest:



Anne G. Iannitelli, Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
OFFICIAL MINUTES
Monday, June 12, 2017 – 7:00 PM
West Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School Auditorium**

A meeting in which the inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable, Bruce L. Holmquist on May 24, 2017.

Moderator James E. Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Annual Town Meeting with 87 qualified voters and 25 guests, the meeting proceeded as follows:

The Opening Ceremonies began at 7:00 p.m. with Rev Carol Ashton of the First Church giving the invocation. The Boys Scouts from Troop 25 presented the colors. The West Bridgewater Girls Scouts lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Brittany Churchill sang the Star Spangled Banner.

A moment of silence was held for deceased members of committees, employees and former officials.

Article 1: To hear reports of all Town Officers and act thereon.

Consent Motion: Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are consent articles. Articles and Motions listed here in the event Consent article is not voted as a whole.

MOVE:	That the Town consider Articles 1 - 10, as printed on the Warrant, as a single "consent" article with: The upper limit on Article 3 established at \$40,000; The upper limit on Article 4 established at \$28,000; The upper limit on Article 5 established at \$4,000; The upper limit on Article 6 established at \$12,000; The upper limit on Article 7 established at \$100,000; The upper limit on Article 8 established at \$18,500; The upper limit on Article 9 established at \$15,000; and, The upper limit on Article 10 established at 400,000.
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Moved by: Anthony Kinahan seconded

Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)

BOS: unanimously recommended

Denise Reyes asked a question about Art #10 concerning the revolving account for the golf course why the vote was needed if the money was a savings account. David Gagne said that the vote was needed just in case of an emergency need to spend money.

Neil Conley asked where the money in the revolving account comes from? David Gagne said that it comes from the Management Company the fee they pay to the Town every year.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

Consent-

MOVE: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging Supportive Care Program to be used by the Council for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$40,000, or take any action relative thereto.

Consent-

MOVE: That the Town vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ , the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging Supportive Care Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an upper limit an amount of \$40,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Nutrition Program to be used by the Council to purchase supplies needed to run the program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$28,000, or take any action relative thereto.

Consent-

MOVE: That the Town vote to approve and authorize, as provided in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Nutrition Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and

which shall have as an upper limit an amount of \$28,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize as provided in MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Transportation Program to be used by the Council to pay necessary expenses to run the program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make these expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$4,000, or take any action relative thereto.

Consent-
MOVE:

That the Town approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ , the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Transportation Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an upper limit an amount of \$4,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of fines and fees collected by the West Bridgewater Public Library to be used for general library expenses for said Library and to establish a revolving fund for such a purpose from which the Library Director will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit in of \$12,000, or take any action relative thereto.

Consent-
MOVE:

That the Town approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ , the retention of fines and fees collected by the West Bridgewater Public Library to be used for the purpose of general library expenses for said library and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Library Director will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an upper limit an amount of \$12,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Public Schools' Preschool Program, to be used by the preschool for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a

revolving fund for such purpose from which the School Committee will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$100,000, or take any action relative thereto.

Consent-
MOVE:

That the Town approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ , the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Public Schools' Preschool Program to be used by the Preschool for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Superintendent of Schools will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an upper limit an amount of \$100,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize , as provided in MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Fire Department Fire Alarm Maintenance Program to be used to maintain the Town's Municipal Fire Alarm System on a year round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Fire Chief will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$18,500, or take any action relative thereto.

Consent-
MOVE:

That the Town approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ , the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Fire Department Fire Alarm Maintenance Program to be used to maintain the Town's Municipal Fire Alarm System on a year round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Fire Chief will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$18,500 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize as provided in MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, to be administered by the Town Administrator's Office, the retention of revenue generated by monies received by the Town as fees, charges and costs from certain property owners pursuant to an existing Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town and the City of Brockton; which fees, costs and charges are to be collected by the Town from the property owners and to be used to pay to the City of Brockton fees for the utilization of its sewer connection and to reimburse the Town for its expenses pursuant to the said Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement and which shall have as an upper limit an amount of \$15,000, or to take any action relative thereto.

Consent-
MOVE:

That the Town vote pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to establish a Revolving Fund to be administered by the Town Administrator’s Office, the retention of revenue generated by monies received by the Town as fees, charges and costs from certain property owners pursuant to an existing Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town and the City of Brockton; which fees, costs and charges are to be collected by the Town from the property owners and to be used to pay to the City of Brockton fees for the utilization of its sewer connection and to reimburse the Town for its expenses pursuant to the said Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement and which shall have as an upper limit of \$15,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Article 10: To see if the Town will to vote to set the upper limit on the expenditures generated from the Town Golf Course Revolving Fund established under Article 55 of the Town By-Laws at \$400,000, or take any other action relative thereto.

Consent -
MOVE:

That the Town vote to set the upper limit on the expenditures generated from the Town Golf Course Revolving Fund established under Article 55 of the Town By-Laws at \$400,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Moderator James E. Benson called for a motion to adjourn to the Special Town Meeting at 7:15 p.m. It was moved and seconded **passed unanimously.**

The Annual Town Meeting reconvened at 7:18 p.m.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to determine the salaries of the following elected Town Officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017:

Moderator	Tree Warden
Board of Selectmen	Board of Assessors
Town Clerk	Water Commissioners
Board of Health	

The following officers to serve without pay:

Library Trustees	School Committee
Planning Board	

Or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to determine the salaries of the following elected Town Officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017:

Moderator	\$ 338	Tree Warden	\$0
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Board of Selectmen \$ 10,375
 Town Clerk \$ 67,531
 Board of Water Commissioners \$7,295

Board of Assessors \$10,539
 Board of Health \$2,577

Moved by Anthony Kinahan and seconded
 Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
 BOS: unanimously recommended
 Anthony Kinahan spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 12: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and to make appropriations for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: MOVE: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$32,172,289 for the maintenance and support of the several departments of the Town and other usual or necessary Town charges as herein specified and requested by the Finance Committee for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 for the purposes herein described and further that the sum of \$29,521,005 be raised and appropriated and the sum of \$2,651,284 be transferred as follows:

From Estimated Water Revenues to:	Water Department (4500)	1,901,284
From Emergency Medical Services Receipts to:	Fire Department (2200)	400,000
From Free Cash to Offset the Debt Exclusion Borrowing		
Costs for new Middle/High School:		<u>350,000</u>
TOTAL		TOTAL 2651,284

moved by: Meredith Anderson and seconded
 Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
 BOS: unanimously recommended
 Meredith Anderson spoke to the motion.

There was a hold put on the Town Administrator's Budget .
 Neil Conley asked why there was a jump in the appointed official line from \$105,000 to \$130,000. Anthony Kinahan explained that they did a comparison with other towns and felt it was a good negotiation. Eldon Moriera said that it will more than pay for itself because of the money David has saved the town. Neil felt that \$25,000 was a big jump. Denise Reyes want to know how they came up with the scale and what the incremental increase would be by performance. Anthony Kinahan said it would be 3.5% next year and they did a comparison with surrounding towns and came up with the figure. Jeri Screni of Fin Com, said that we need to give the town employees the tools they need to succeed which may include pay raises. We don't want to make mistakes by not paying enough. Meredith Anderson, Fin Com said she voted for it because he could get more money elsewhere.

There was a hold on the Assessor's Budget.

Denise Reyes wanted to know why the Appointed Official line doubled. Steve McCarthy of the Board of Assessors said they want to make the Assessor fulltime and there is a whole host of reasons. The Town has grown and the need is there. The Board wants to see John Donahue oversee Patriot which does the assessing and he can also do some of it himself. He is a certified Assessor. She wanted to know if he would be working in the office all the time or at home? Steve McCarthy said that most of the work would be done from the office. Maurice McCarthy of Fin Com, was convinced by the fact Corporations that apply for tax abatements could be fought in court with more staff time and maybe we could win some of the cases.

There was a hold on the Town Council Budget.

Neil Conley wanted to know about any lawsuits pending. David Gay, Town Council said there were three.

There was a hold on the Building Department Budget.

Denise Reyes asked why the Building Inspectors pay went up and why didn't we offer the one that left more money to stay if we had to hire for more money? Eldon Moriera said that the former Building Inspector never came to them to tell them he was leaving and we have to pay for good people. Denise thought it was more than the private sector.

There was a hold on the Education Budget.

Neil Conley wanted to know about school grants and if there was any money to fix school property? Molly Smith of School Committee said there is grants for Technology etc. Neil wanted to know how school choice was working? Molly said that they use school choice to offset some of the operating budget not just to enhance the budget many towns do not do that, just over a million dollars this year that they use to help operating Budget. Deborah Lancaster said that educational services are very important to a town. Our teachers are paid too little and we should consider this budget a bargain.

There was a hold on the Southeastern Regional Educational Budget.

Neil Conley complained about the cost of our students going there and the formula was unfair and needed to be changed. How many students next year? Meredith Anderson of the Fin Com said there is 51 West Bridgewater students going in FY18.

There was a hold on the Water Department Budget.

Neil Conley wanted to ask Rick Krugger, Water Commissioner, some questions. He asked if the money collected from the Water Dept. goes to Town or Water? Rick Krugger said the Water Dept. How was things being fixed? Rick Krugger said that everyone's rate was going to decrease giving everyone a break. They were paying off some short time debt. and building new wells. Neil asked if we still sold water to pool companies? Rick said yes and to bottled water companies but it has dropped off quite a bit.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 and to further accept the provisions of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, which will grant a percentage increase to real estate tax exemptions to persons who are otherwise qualified for such exemptions, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town accept the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 and to further accept the provisions of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 which will grant a percentage increase to Real Estate Tax exemptions to persons who are otherwise qualified for such exemptions and further to increase the Real Estate Tax Exemption to persons so qualified by 25% for FY 2018.

Moved by: Stephen McCarthy and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Steve McCarthy spoke to the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of reimbursement to meet the Town's share of the cost of work for State Aid Construction and Maintenance or take any action relative thereto. *(Borrow \$319,219 per allocation of Chapter 90 funds for West Bridgewater from the State's Chapter 90 local transportation aid funding for FY 2018 in anticipation of reimbursement from the state.)*

MOVE: That the Town borrow \$319,219, to be repaid in not more than one year, in anticipation of reimbursement to meet the Town's share of the cost of work for state aid construction and maintenance as authorized as the Town's apportionment of Chapter 90 Local Transportation and funding for Fiscal Year 2018 in accordance with the figures released by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in accordance with Chapter 86 of the Acts of 2008.

Moved by Shawn Anderson and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (5-0; 1 abstention)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Shawn Anderson spoke to the motion.
James Benson the Moderator explained that is was not a 2/3 required vote.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by using the monies repaid to the Town by current outstanding loans that are in excess of amounts due to be repaid to the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the monies previously repaid through the loan program by the property owners be transferred and appropriated for the purpose of financing additional Water Pollution Abatement Facility projects concerning the repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to reissue those funds for additional Water Pollution Abatement Facility projects that are in excess of amounts due to be repaid to the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust; that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners in accordance with the agreements authorized under those statutes and at 2% interest per annum, of which the proceeds from such interest, as well as any amounts received from the homeowner for the repayment of such loans, shall be credited to the “reserve for appropriation – W.P.A.T. Loan Repayment Account”, and shall, with approval of Town Meeting, be used to fund the repayment of any loans granted by the Water Pollution Abatement Trust under this authorization.

Moved by Anthony Kinahan and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Anthony Kinahan spoke to the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund Estimated Revenues the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, debt services, Community Preservation projects, Open Space, Historic Resources, and Community Housing reserves, and other expenses in fiscal year 2018 with each item to be a separate appropriation or reserve:

Appropriations:

From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative		
Expenses	\$ 10,622

Reserves:

From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve:

..... \$ 0

From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve:

..... \$24,245

From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve... \$ 0

From FY2017 estimated revenues for Undesignated Funds.... \$ 8,234

Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE:

That the Town appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Estimated Revenues the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, debt services, Community Preservation projects, Open Space, Historic Resources, and Community Housing reserves, and other expenses in fiscal year 2018 with each item to be a separate appropriation or reserve:

Appropriations:

From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative

Expenses \$ 10,622

Reserves:

From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve:

..... \$ 0

From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve:

..... \$ 24,245

From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve... \$ 0

From FY2017 estimated revenues for Undesignated Funds.... \$ 8,234

Moved by Cheryl Cambria and seconded

Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)

BOS: unanimously recommended

Cheryl Cambria spoke to the motion.

Neil Conley wanted to know how the Preservation Fund is going? Is the meal tax going to this fund? Meredith Anderson of the Fin Com, said no it does not go to Preservation Fund, it goes to the Town. Eldon Moriera said that the meal tax is going directly to offset the cost of the new high school.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Historical Resources portion of the FY 2017 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenue a sum, not to exceed \$21,245, and from the FY 2017 undesignated portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum not to exceed \$88,755, for a total sum not to exceed \$110,000, to be expended by the Forestry Superintendent

for the restoration and preservation of historic Town-owned cemeteries, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer and appropriate from the Open Space portion of the FY2017 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenue a sum not to exceed \$21,245, and from the FY2017 undesignated portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum not to exceed \$88,755, for a total sum not to exceed \$110,000, to be expended by the Forestry Superintendent for the restoration and preservation of historic Town-owned cemeteries.

Moved by Cheryl Cambria and seconded
Fin Com: recommended by majority (5-1)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Cheryl Cambria spoke to the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the FY 2017 undesignated portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum not to exceed \$13,100 to be expended by the Forestry Superintendent for repairs and/or additions at Friendship Park, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from the FY2017 undesignated portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum not to exceed \$13,100 to be expended by the Forestry Superintendent for repairs and/or additions at Friendship Park.

Moved by: Cheryl Cambria and seconded
Fin Com: recommended by majority (5-1)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Cheryl Cambria spoke to the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to designate the 9/11 Memorial and beam from the World Trade Towers as an historic artifact pursuant to the definition of Historic Resources found in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, Section 2 and that the Town residents approve the expenditure of monies from the local Community Preservation Fund for its installation, expansion, improvement and preservation.

Per Legal Counsel, no motion to be made.
David Gay pass without vote and brought up later.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Open Space portion of the FY 2017 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenues a sum not to exceed \$21,245 and from the Fund Balance Reserve of the Open Space Reserve portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum not to exceed \$38,755, for a total sum not to exceed \$60,000 to be expended by the Forestry Superintendent for the installation of open space for the 9/11 Memorial in front of the Public Safety Building, or take any action relative thereto.

Per Legal Counsel, no motion to be made.

David Gay pass without vote and brought up later.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the FY 2017 undesignated portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum not to exceed \$15,000, to be expended by the Town Clerk for the preservation of historic vital records, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer and appropriate from the FY2017 undesignated portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum not to exceed \$15,000 to be expended by the Town Clerk for the preservation of historic vital records.

Moved by: Cheryl Cambria and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Cheryl Cambria spoke to the article.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the FY 2017 undesignated portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum not to exceed \$10,000 to be expended by the Board of Assessors for the preservation of the Assessor Valuation Books, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer and appropriate from the FY2017 undesignated portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum not to exceed \$10,000 to be expended by the Board of Assessors for the preservation of the Assessor Valuation Books.

Moved by: Cheryl Cambria and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Cheryl Cambria spoke to the article.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Paula Bunker asked questions about Art #19 and 20

David Gay says that the Historical Commission voted that the artifacts were not considered historical so we can't act on the Articles.

David Gay said that the Community Preservation Committee has to present more details on the artifacts because the Fire Dept sent volunteers to work on World Trade Center. So in order for the Town to receive them they had to consider them historic. Paula Bunker asked why the Historical Commission didn't consider them historic if 911 was part of history for everyone?

James Benson stepped down as Moderator and Anne Iannitelli, Town Clerk stepped up as Moderator. This was done so that James Benson could answer the question because he is the Chairman of the Historical Commission.

James Benson said they got the letter for support two weeks ago and they vote 6 against and 1 abstention, which was him because of his conflict as Moderator. They had to follow the rules as to it being Historical to the Town and no evidence was given to them to prove it. They would reconsider it at another time if the evidence is presented. Paula Bunker asked what the vote of the Selectmen was for the Articles? Anthony Kinahan said it was a vote of 2-1 in favor. Anthony was against because he didn't believe it was historical to the Town. He said he did not know the information about the Fire Dept helping out at World Trade Center and that may have swayed him to vote differently. He also thought that \$60,000 was a lot for the park. Eldon Moreira said that it should be brought back again maybe at a Special Town Meeting and with the required evidence, the park is important for the Town. Paula asked what the vote of the Community Preservation Committee was? Cheryl Cambria said it was unanimously for.

James Benson stepped back up as Moderator and Anne Iannitelli Stepped down.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to fund Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund established in accordance with Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$100,000 to fund Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund established in accordance with Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Moved by: John Duggan and seconded

Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)

BOS: unanimously recommended

John Duggan spoke to the question

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money as the Town's match for the WEB Task Force Grant in FY 2018, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$10,000 as the Town's match for the WEB Task Force Grant in FY2018.

Moved by: Vic Flaherty and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Vic Flaherty spoke to the question

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to replace the roof at Town Hall, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of \$95,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to replace the roof at Town Hall.

Moved by: Art Cabral and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Art Cabral spoke to the question

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to pay off and close out Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting of February 25, 2016 for the replacement of the Spring Street School roof, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of \$330,000 to pay off and close out Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting of February 25, 2016 for the replacement of the Spring Street School roof.

Moved by: Molly Smith and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Molly Smith spoke to the motion
Neil Conley which roof 2016? Molly Smith said yes the Spring St School roof. Neil Conley asked what does the article mean? John Duggan said the project came under budget and the balance will pay off way ahead of schedule.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to pave the parking lots at Howard School and Spring Street School, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of \$117,000 to be expended by the School Committee to pave the parking lots at Howard School and Spring Street School.

Moved by: Molly Smith and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Molly Smith spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to purchase new elementary furniture, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town transfer from free cash a sum of \$100,000 to be expended by the School Committee to purchase new elementary furniture.

Moved by: Molly Smith and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (5-1)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Molly Smith spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money, to be expended by the School Committee to purchase digital library resources, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of \$50,000 to be expended by the School Committee to purchase digital library resources.

Moved by: Molly Smith and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (4-2)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Molly Smith spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Forestry Superintendent to purchase a new Dump Body for a 2005 F-450, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of \$7,200 to be expended by the Forestry Superintendent to purchase a new Dump Body for a 2005 F-450.

Moved by: Chris Iannitelli and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Chris Iannitelli spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new Dump Body for a 2006 F450, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer from free cash a sum of \$8,500 to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new Dump Body for a 2006 F450.

Moved by: Shawn Anderson and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (5-0; 1 abstention)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Shawn Anderson spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to purchase two new Freightliner 64,000 lb ten-wheel dump trucks, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of \$388,000 to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to purchase two new Freightliner 64,000 lb ten-wheel dump trucks.

Moved by: Shawn Anderson and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (5-0; 1 abstention)
BOS: unanimously recommended

Bill Lucini believes it is a misapplication and that town does not need such a big truck it is too much. Bill Lucini asked if it was a cookie cutter truck? Shawn Anderson said no. Bill Lucini said that he wouldn't recommend it. Neil Conley asked why the town does not put these articles on power point? David Gagne said that Mallory and him are working on power points for town meeting going forward, but things still need to be worked out before going forward. Bill Lucini said that the Town needs an equipment committee to help the Town Departments. Jeri Screnci said that she looked at the age of the trucks and feels that they need to be replaced.

Bill Lucini made a motion to table Article #32 and it was seconded.

**2/3 Declared Vote By Moderator.
MOTION PASSED
Article #32 was tabled.**

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new F250 with plow, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of \$58,000 to be expended by the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new F250 with plow.

Moved by: Shawn Anderson and seconded

Fin Com: unanimously recommended (5-0; 1 abstention)

BOS: unanimously recommended

Shawn Anderson spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Library Trustees to install railings, sidewalks, front ramp and related items at the Public Library, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of \$45,000 to be expended by the Board of Library Trustees to install railings, sidewalks, front ramp and related items at the Public Library.

Moved by: David Church and seconded

Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)

BOS: unanimously recommended

David Church spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be placed in the Town Stabilization Fund, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of \$1,497,538 to be placed in the Town Stabilization Fund.

Moved by: Eldon Moreira and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Eldon Moreira spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to fund the Municipal Building Needs Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$50,000 to fund the Municipal Building Needs Fund.

Moved by: Art Cabral and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Art Cabral spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners to payoff and close out Article 31 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 9, 2014 for the purchase of hydrants and related equipment, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer \$38,607.60 in unspent funds of Article 31 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 9, 2014 for the purchase of hydrants and related equipment and transfer from Water Surplus a sum of \$9,393, to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners, to payoff and close out said Article.

Moved by: Rick Krugger and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Rick Krugger spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jeri Screni called for a "Point of Order" She made a motion to take Art #32 off the table and it was seconded. Neil Conley questioned the legality of this? David Gay, Town Attorney said it was legal, she was asking to take off the table an article that was tabled.

MOTION WAS DEFEATED.

Jeri Screni challenge the vote along with eight other people.
James Benson called for a standing count.

MOTION WAS DEFEATED.

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners to make a payment toward the debt authorized by Article 30 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 9, 2014 for the purchase of water meters and related equipment, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from Water Surplus a sum of \$128,000 to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners to make a payment toward the debt authorized by Article 30 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 9, 2014 for the purchase of water meters and related equipment.

Moved by: Rick Krugger and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Rick Krugger spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners to convert the Station 1 wells into automated submersible pumps, purchase any related equipment, and perform all related electronic, computer, instrumentation, piping and electrical work, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from Water Surplus a sum of \$147,571 to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners to convert the Station 1 wells into automated submersible pumps, purchase any related equipment, and perform all related electronic, computer, instrumentation, piping and electrical work.

Moved by: Rick Krugger and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Rick Krugger spoke to the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 138 Section 12 allowing the sale of liqueurs and cordials by a common victualler which holds a license under said section to sell wines and malt beverages, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 138, Section 12 of the Massachusetts General Laws allowing the sale of liqueurs and cordials by a common victualler which holds a license under said section to sell wines and malt beverages.

Moved by: Eldon Moreira and seconded
Fin Com: unanimously recommended (6-0)
BOS: unanimously recommended
Eldon Moreira spoke to the motion
Art Cabral asked if it was for all restaurants and will they have to apply for license? Anthony Kinahan said yes they will have to apply for this license, they will not automatically get the license.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 17 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS of the Town's General By-Laws as follows:

ARTICLE 17

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

Section 1. Appointment. The Board of Selectmen shall annually appoint Animal Control Officers who shall hold office for one year or until their successors take office. The compensation to be paid Animal Control Officers shall be determined from time to time by the Chief of Police.

Section 2. Duties. The Animal Control Officers, under the general supervision and control of the Board of Selectmen and the Chief of Police, shall perform the following duties:

- a. Enforce the provisions of this by-law and all other by-laws which may from time to time be adopted by the Town for the purpose of regulating animals.

- b. Enforce the applicable provisions of Chapter 140 of the General Laws relating to the regulation of dogs.
- c. Investigate complaints regarding dogs.
- d. Apprehend dogs who are running at large or who are a public nuisance and keep them until the owner is found or until the dogs are otherwise disposed of.
- e. Inspect or cause to be inspected any kennel.
- f. Collect all delinquent payments of dog licenses and kennel licenses on ~~July~~ August first of each year. In this regard, the Town Clerk will submit a list of such unpaid licenses to the Animal Control Officer who will issue a noncriminal citation ~~forward a demand for payment of the unpaid licenses to the dog owner with a demand fee~~ of twenty five dollars (\$25). ~~If payment is not made within fifteen days of such demand, an additional charge of \$25.00 will be assessed to the owner for each dog.~~ Such charge shall be assessed in accordance with the provisions for the non-criminal disposition of violations contained in General Laws Chapter 40, Section 21D and in Article 46 of these by-laws.
- g. Perform such other duties which are the responsibility of the Animal Control Officer under this by-law and Chapter 140 of the General Laws.

Section 3. Regulation of Dogs. The provisions of this by-law relating to the regulation of dogs are adopted pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 140, Section 147A and 173 of the General Laws. The provisions of Chapter 140, Sections 136A through 174D, inclusive, except as modified herein, are incorporated into this by-law by reference.

Section 4. Definitions. The following words and phrases as used herein shall have the following meanings:

- a. Owner. Any person, partnership, corporation, society or other legal entity owning, keeping, or harboring one or more dogs. A dog shall be deemed to be harbored if it is fed or sheltered for seven (7) consecutive days or more.
- b. Keeper. Any person, partnership, corporation, society, or other legal entity, other than the owner, harboring or having in his possession any dog.
- c. Animal Control Officer. Any officer appointed under this by-law to enforce the laws relating to animals including, but not limited to MGL Ch 140 sections 136A to 174E, inclusive.
- d. At Large. Any dog shall be deemed to be at large when it is off the property of its owner and not under the control of a competent person.

e. Commercial Kennel. A pack or a collection of dogs on a single premises maintained for sale, commercial breeding, boarding, grooming, training, hunting, or for any other commercial purposes, and including any shop where dogs are on sale.

f. Private Kennel. A pack or collection of more than ~~three~~ four dogs, three months old or over, owned or kept by a person on a single premises and maintained exclusively as domestic pets and not maintained for sale, commercial breeding, boarding, grooming, training, hunting, or for any other commercial purposes.

g. Shelter. A public animal control facility, or any other facility which is operated by any organization or individual for the purpose of protecting animals from cruelty, neglect or abuse.

h. Dangerous or Vicious Animal. Any animal that has a documented record of, or is observed by an Animal Control Officer or any police officer in the act of (a) inflicting injury on a human being without provocation; or (b) has killed another animal without provocation; or (c) any animal harbored primarily, or in part, for the purpose of fighting another animal; or (d) any animal when unprovoked, chases any person upon the public ways or on any public or private property other than the animal's owner's own premises, in any menacing fashion, or in an apparent attitude of attack, or (e) any animal with a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack when unprovoked, to cause injury, or to otherwise threaten the safety of human beings or other animals; or (f) any non-domesticated or wild animal that is declared by an Animal Control Officer to be inherently dangerous, having the ability to inflict serious or life threatening injury to human beings or other domesticated animals.

Section 5. Licensing of Dogs.

a. Any person owning, keeping or having custody of any dog six (6) months of age or older shall cause it to be registered, numbered, described, and licensed annually during the licensing period. The registering, numbering, describing, and licensing of a dog shall be in the office of the Town Clerk. The owner of any dog may add descriptive words, not over ten (10) in number, upon the license form to further describe the dog. The licensing period shall begin April first of each year and terminate thereafter on the thirty-first day of March, both dates inclusive. Whoever violates the provisions of this section by failing to license his or her dog by July 1st shall be liable for a demand fine of twenty five dollars (\$25.00). Whoever violates the provisions of this section by failing to license his or her dog by August 1st shall be liable for an additional noncriminal ~~fine~~ citation of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) issued as mention in Section 2f of this bylaw.

b. Dogs brought or shipped into the Commonwealth for commercial resale shall, as is required by Chapter 140, Section ~~158A~~ 138A of the General Laws, be inoculated against distemper not more than thirty (30) nor less than seven (7) days before entry and shall be accompanied by an official health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian and a copy sent to the Commissioner of Agriculture. If such certificate is unavailable in the

state of origin, then a similar examination and certificate shall be made within fourteen (14) days of the arrival of the dog in the Commonwealth.

c. The Town Clerk shall not grant a license for any dog unless the owner provides a veterinarian's certification that the dog has been vaccinated for rabies in accordance with Chapter 140, Section 145B of the General Laws, or a certificate of exemption. A certificate from a veterinarian will be required for a spayed female or neutered male being licensed for the first time. If a certificate cannot be obtained, a notarized statement by a registered veterinarian, describing the dog and stating that he has examined the dog and that it appears to have been, and in his opinion has been, spayed or neutered, will be accepted.

d. Upon acceptance of the license application and fee, a tag shall be issued, stamped with an identification number, year of issuance, and name of Town of West Bridgewater. All applications issued must have a description of the symptoms of rabies supplied by the Department of Public Health as required by Chapter 140, Section 145 of the General Laws. If a current tag is lost, a substitute tag can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

e. No person may use any license or tag for any dog other than the dog for which it was issued. Dogs must wear identification tags and collars at all times when off the premises of the owner.

f. License fees shall not be required for certified seeing-eye dogs, hearing dogs, governmental police dogs, or other certified dogs that are trained to assist the physically handicapped.

g. No license fee, or part thereof, shall be refunded because of the subsequent death, loss, spaying/neutering, or removal from the Town or other disposal of the dog.

h. The fee for dog licenses shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for altered males and spayed females and sixteen dollars (\$16.00) for unaltered males and unsplayed females.

Section 6. Licensing of Kennels.

a. Every person maintaining a kennel shall have a kennel license issued by the Town Clerk. The licensing period shall begin April first of each year and terminate thereafter on the thirty-first day of March, both dates inclusive. Any owner or keeper of less than four dogs three months old or over who does not maintain a kennel may elect to secure a kennel license in lieu of licensing such dogs under Section 5 hereof and during such time as he does not license such dogs there under shall have a kennel license and shall be subject to this section and other sections and statutes pertaining to kennels to the same extent as though he were maintaining a kennel. The Animal Control Officer shall inspect such kennel prior to the issuance of the license. Whoever violates the provisions of this section by failing to obtain a kennel license by July 1st shall be liable for a demand fine of twenty five dollars (\$25.00). Whoever violates the provisions of this section by failing to obtain a kennel license by August 1st shall be liable for an additional noncriminal citation of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) issued as mention in Section 2f of this bylaw.

b. Animal Control Officer may inspect or cause to be inspected any kennel within the Town. If unsanitary or inhumane conditions are found, or if records are not properly kept as required by law, the Animal Control Officer shall recommend to the Board of Selectmen the revocation or suspension of the kennel license.

c. The owner of a kennel shall submit to the Town Clerk a certification that all adult dogs on the premises have been properly inoculated.

d. The holder of a kennel license shall cause each dog kept therein to wear, while it is at large, a collar or harness of leather, or other suitable material, to which shall be securely attached a tag upon which shall appear the number of such kennel license, the name of the Town of West Bridgewater, and the year of issue.

e. Upon the transfer of a dog from a kennel to an owner, the owner may use a certificate and tag from the kennel in lieu of a license for a period of two (2) weeks. The certificate shall contain the kennel number, date of purchase, and description of the dog. Upon the licensing of the dog, the Town Clerk will sign and return the certificate to the kennel.

f. If the license of any kennel is suspended or revoked, no fee can be recovered. Anyone maintaining a kennel after the license is revoked or during a suspension period shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00).

g. Any person found guilty of cruelty to animals shall forfeit his license and will be ineligible for another license until two (2) years from the date of being found guilty. No fee can be recovered.

h. Kennel license fees shall not be required for domestic charitable corporations that are incorporated exclusively for the purpose of protecting animals from cruelty, neglect or abuse and for the relief of suffering among animals.

i. The fee for a kennel license shall be ~~forty-five~~ sixty dollars (\$~~45.00~~ 60.00) if not more than ~~four~~ five dogs are kept in the kennel, ~~ninety~~ one hundred and five dollars (\$~~90.00~~ 105.00) if more than ~~four~~ five but not more than ten dogs are kept therein, and two hundred ~~twenty-five~~ forty dollars (\$~~225.00~~ 240.00) if more than ten dogs are kept therein.

j. Any person wishing to open or maintain a kennel can only do so with a special permit granted by the Board of Appeals as mention in the West Bridgewater Zoning By-Laws section 4.4 TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS 13a and 13b.

Section 7. Abatement of Noise Nuisance.

a. It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of a dog or other animal to disrupt another person's right to peace or privacy by making loud or continuous noise.

b. Upon a complaint received by the Police Department of barking, howling or other objectionable noise made by an animal that is creating a noise nuisance, an Animal Control Officer or any police officer shall investigate said complaint. If after the investigation it is found that an animal is creating a noise nuisance for not less than ten continuous minutes, where said noise is plainly audible at a distance of one hundred fifty (150) feet from the building or premises, the Animal Control Officer or police officer may issue a warning notice or a civil citation to the owner or keeper of the animal causing the noise nuisance.

c. If the owner or keeper of an animal that has been found to be creating a noise nuisance fails to immediately abate the nuisance, the Animal Control Officer or any police officer shall issue a civil citation in accordance with Article 46 of these by-laws.

d. The failure to permanently abate a noise nuisance, as described in subparagraph b and c immediately above, may result in penalties and other actions as voted by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with General Laws Chapter 140. Such actions may be an order to muzzle the animal, an order to banish it from the Town, or an order to destroy the animal.

e. Within ten (10) days after any such order, the owner or keeper of such dog may bring a petition in the Brockton District Court asking for a review of the order by the Court. The Court shall review the order and shall affirm it unless it shall appear that the order was made without proper cause or in bad faith, in which case the order shall be reversed. The decision of the Court shall be final and binding upon the parties.

Section 8. Abatement of Noise at Kennel. Upon the petition of twenty-five (25) citizens filed with the Board stating that they are aggrieved or annoyed, to an unreasonable extent, by one or more dogs at a kennel because of the excessive barking or vicious disposition of said dogs or other conditions connected with such kennel constituting a public nuisance, the Board, within seven (7) days after the filing of such petition, shall give notice to all parties interested of a public hearing to be held within fourteen (14) days after the date of such notice. Within seven (7) days after such public hearing, the Board shall make an order either revoking or suspending such kennel license or otherwise regulating such kennel, or by dismissing the petition. Written notice of any such order shall be mailed forthwith to the Town Clerk and to the holder of such license.

Within ten (10) days after such order, the holder of such license may bring a petition in the Brockton District Court asking for a review of the order by the Court. The Court shall review the order and shall affirm it unless it shall appear that the order was made without proper cause or in bad faith, in which case the order shall be reversed. The decision of the Court shall be final and binding upon the parties.

Section 9. Vicious, or Other Dangerous Animals.

a. It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of an animal which is dangerous or vicious to fail to safeguard humans or other animals from attack or threat of attack from said animal.

b. Upon a complaint received by the Police Department of a vicious or dangerous animal, an Animal Control Officer or any police officer shall investigate said complaint. If after the investigation the animal is declared to be dangerous or vicious, the owner or keeper may be issued a written notice to confine the animal so it is no longer a threat to human beings or other animals. A violation of a failure to comply with such confine order shall result in the owner or keeper being issued a civil citation in accordance with Article 46 of these by-laws. If the owner or keeper fails to comply with the notice or fails to remedy the situation, the Board of Selectmen, on complaint from an Animal Control Officer or any police officer, shall hold a hearing to determine the fate of said animal. Nothing in this section shall limit an Animal Control Officer or any police officer from immediately destroying any vicious or dangerous animal in the process of, or momentarily interrupted in, the attacking of any human being, domestic or farm animal.

c. Within ten (10) days after any such order, the owner or keeper of such dog may bring a petition in the Brockton District Court asking for a review of the order by the Court. The Court shall review the order and shall affirm it unless it shall appear that the order was made without proper cause or in bad faith, in which case the order shall be reversed. The decision of the Court shall be final and binding upon the parties.

Section 10. Fines and Penalties. Whoever violates any provision of Section 7 and Section 8 of this by-law pertaining to the abatement of noise nuisances shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first offense, ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ and for the second offense, ~~and. Fifty one hundred dollars (\$100.00)~~ (\$50.00) for the third offense and ~~every-fourth offense thereafter,~~ and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for every offense thereafter. Whoever violates any provision of Section 9 of this by-law pertaining to vicious or other dangerous animals shall be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense and two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the second offense and every offense thereafter. The fines and penalties provided for in this Article shall be assessed in accordance with the provisions for non-criminal disposition of Violations contained in General Laws Chapter 40, Section 21D and in Article 46 of these by-laws. This by-law shall be enforced by an Animal Control Officer or by a police officer.

Or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town amend Article 17 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS of the Town's General By-Laws as printed on the Warrant.

Moved by: Anne Iannitelli and seconded

Fin Com: refer to voters (6-0)

BOS: unanimously recommended

Anne Iannitelli spoke to the motion.

Art Cabral asked if the only changes were the ones that showed as crossed out and put in again?

Anne Iannitelli said yes that she was bringing the By Law up to date with the State Law. She changed the dogs per household from 3 to 4 without a kennel license. Anne said that she also tried to clarify some of the charges and bring them in line with other By Laws in town, like adding in the part where anyone who wants a kennel must go before the ZBA as stated in the Zoning By Laws.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 18 DOG LEASH of the Town's General By-Laws as follows:

ARTICLE 18

DOG LEASH

Section 1. No owner or keeper of a dog shall cause or permit such dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, to run at large or be a public nuisance within the Town of West Bridgewater. No owner or keeper of a dog shall, except as otherwise provided herein, take or permit such dog to be taken from his premises unless the dog is restrained and controlled by means of a leash which is made of suitable material and is not more than six feet (6') in length. A dog shall not be allowed to be on the private property of others without the express consent of the owner of such property.

Section 2. Any dog found to be at large in violation of this by-law shall be caught and confined by an Animal Control Officer, who shall notify forthwith the licensed owner or keeper of such dog. The owner or keeper of said dog shall have seven (7) days from the receipt of notice thereof to reclaim said dog from the Animal Control Officer. Return of the dog to the licensed owner or keeper shall be dependent on admission of ownership or the keeping of the dog, the assumption of responsibility thereof, and the payment of any fee or charges due for such confinement as provided by this by-law.

Section 3. The owner or keeper of any dog so confined by the Animal Control Officer under the provisions of this by-law shall be responsible for the cost of confinement of dog at a local shelter or kennel ~~a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day~~ for each day of confinement and for the costs incurred by the Town for the care and maintenance of such dog.

Section 4. Any dog under the confinement of the Animal Control Officer that shall not have been claimed by the owner or keeper as provided for in this By-law shall be disposed of by the Animal Control Officers as provided for by General Laws Chapter 140, Section 151A.

Section 5. Owners or keepers found to be in violation of this by-laws shall be liable to a fine of twenty five dollars (~~\$20.00~~ 25.00) for the first violation, thirty dollars (\$30.00) for the second violation, forty dollars (\$40.00) for the third or subsequent violation, and fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each violation resulting in personal injury or property damage. These fines shall be

assessed in accordance with the provisions for the non-criminal disposition of violations contained in General Laws Chapter 40, Section 21D and in Article 46 of these by-laws. The enforcing persons for this by-law shall be an Animal Control Officer or a police officer.

Or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town amend Article 18 DOG LEASH of the Town's General By-Laws as printed on the Warrant.

Moved by: Anne Iannitelli and seconded

Fin Com: refer to voters (6-0)

BOS: unanimously recommended

Anne Iannitelli spoke to the motion.

Art Cabral asked if the only changes were the ones that showed as crossed out and put in again?

Anne Iannitelli said yes it was changing the citation charges to the ones the police actually charge.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board Of Selectmen ask for special privilege to speak at the end of Meeting.

Eldon Moreira announced that the Town Treasurer/Tax Collector John Duggan

was retiring and this would be his last Town Meeting. Eldon thanked John Duggan For his years of service to the Town and wished him Good Luck! John received a standing ovation from everyone there.

John Duggan spoke and thanked everyone. He has enjoyed working with the Town's people and his colleagues in the Town. This was his 25th Town Meeting with West Bridgewater.

Motion was made to dissolved and seconded.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEETING WAS DISSOLVED AT 9:20PM

A true copy, Attest:


Anne G. Iannitelli, Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting
Thursday, October 26, 2017
West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School
Auditorium
7:00 p.m.

A meeting in which the inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Bruce L. Holmquist on October 12, 2017. The Special Town Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by Moderator James Benson with 85 qualified voters and 11 guests. The meeting proceeded as follows:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Director of Public Works to purchase up to two commercial trucks, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer from free cash a sum not to exceed \$388,000 to be expended by the Director of Public Works to purchase up to two commercial trucks.

Moved by Shawn Anderson and seconded
BOS: Unanimous
Fin Com: 4-1 (one recusal) in favor.
Shawn spoke to the motion

Anthony Kinahan asked about the condition of the old trucks. Shawn said that one truck was 24 years old and needed a lot of work and the 98 is in worse shape. They both needed to be replaced because of safety issues. He said it was either put a lot of money into the old trucks or buy new. Neil Conley said that he approves of this, but wanted to know where money comes from. David Gagne said the free cash was 1.1 million last year. He said that some of it comes from additional charges, but most of it comes from new grow with businesses and homes. William Lucini said that he had asked for it to be table last time. He worked with Shawn on which trucks were needed and he now believes these are the best trucks. He believes that the Town will be proud of these trucks and they will work for a long time.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to permanently designate the portion of land at 99 West Center Street (Map 39, Parcel 003) as municipal recreation/park land or take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to permanently designate the portion of land at 99 West Center Street as municipal recreation/park land.

Moved by Cheryl Cambria and seconded
BOS: Unanimous

Fin Com: 5 voted to refer to voters. 5-0

Cheryl spoke to the motion.

This would move the memorial away from the fire station.

Neil Conley didn't know we had one. Jerry Lawrence said it was a section of a steel beam from the World Trade Center and plaque. Kenny May said it has been on display at the fire station and that some of the West Bridgewater Firefighters went and picked it up themselves. The memorial was being moved to the Field on the right of fire station.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$60,000 from the West Bridgewater Community Preservation Fund, of which up to \$21,245 shall be appropriated from the Open Space Reserve Fund and up to \$38,755 shall be appropriated from the undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2017, in accordance with Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee under the categories of Open Space and Recreation to be expended to create a 9/11 Memorial Park on municipal/park land at 99 West Center Street (Map 39 Parcel 003) as approved in Article 2 of this Special Town Meeting, or any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$60,000 from the West Bridgewater Community Preservation Fund, of which up to \$21,245 shall be appropriated from the Open Space Reserve Fund and up to \$38,755 shall be appropriated from the undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2017, in accordance with Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee under the categories of Open Space and Recreation to be expended to create a 9/11 Memorial Park on municipal/park land at 99 West Center Street (Map 39 Parcel 003) as approved in Article 2 of this Special Town Meeting.

Moved by Cheryl Cambria and seconded

BOS: Unanimous

Fin Com: 5 voted to refer to voters 5-0

Cheryl spoke to the motion

Cheryl said that this was CPA money to fund the project to create a 911 memorial at the fire station. Art Cabral asked if this was to raise funds and will there be parking. Cheryl said it was all CPA money and there will be parking. Howard Hayward is opposed to the warrant article. Not opposed to memorial, but it is inappropriate to use CPA money, it should use for other things, town clerk records, open space or war memorial park. He asked if there are plans or sketches and what are the annual costs? We need to think rationally. He said that someone said in the Enterprise that open space is wasted space. Chris Iannitelli said that was incorrect, that it was asked that if the grassy area near the fire station can be used, it was said that it could be used to make the memorial, it is wasted space now, not that open space is wasted space. The CPC is using the money as application comes in. The \$60,000 will pay for the hard space and it will be

maintain by the Town. We do have sketches, but no final drawings because it does not go out to bid until it has been approved. We have the best 911 displays every year that is set up by a resident at the fire station. The project has been cleared by the Collation and it would not be done if it wasn't. Jerry Lawrence said we were all effected by 911. The Community is behind it; the Police and Fire; all of the people want this. Jason Ross asked if this has been approved by the ZBA and can the sketches be made available. David Gagne said now that article 2 is approved the ZBA will vote on it. Neil Conley said we need to see what it is going to look like. We should have a Power Point. Howard Hayward said we need to think not like a person who is sensitive about that day. We need to think rationally about the appropriateness of the funds. He is in favor of moving the memorial, but how big and what are the costs. We need to know more information. Maybe we should get the community involved to help fund this project.

Moderator declared Passed by majority.

It was questioned and a hand count was asked for.

Jim Benson asked for volunteers to be tellers.

Anne Iannitelli sworn in Warren Turner, Janice Jardim and Jonathan Kream as tellers.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY

HAND COUNT VOTE: YES: 43 NO: 34

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum not to exceed \$12,207 from the West Bridgewater Community Preservation Fund, of which up to \$12,207 shall be appropriated from the undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2017, in accordance with Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee under the category of Historic Preservation to be expended for the restoration of eight historic bronze plaques, seven currently located in the War Memorial Park and one to be relocated to the park from the Town Hall, or any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$12,207 from the West Bridgewater Community Preservation Fund, of which up to \$12,207 shall be appropriated from the undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2017, in accordance with Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee under the category of Historic Preservation to be expended for the restoration of eight historic bronze plaques, seven currently located in the War Memorial Park and one to be relocated to the park from the Town Hall.

Moved by Cheryl Cambria and seconded

BOS: Unanimous

Fin Com: 5 voted to refer to voters 5-0

Cheryl spoke to the motion

This was to refinish plaques.

Eldon Moreira said that the plaques are in deplorable shape and we also have 7 more at the park that need to be taken care. They have never been taken care of. Ronald Bethoney who owns New England Brass Refinishing showed pictures of the Paul Revere Bell for Mansfield that he

refinished. Art Cabral asked if this was to appropriate money not to approve Mr. Bethany to do the job. Jim Benson said that was correct.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to expend out of the Fiscal Year 2018 Fire Department budget 2200 a sum of \$1,943.17 to provide for a previous fiscal year's committed expenditures of the Fire Department.

MOVE: That the Town vote to expend from the Fiscal Year 2018 Fire Department budget 2200 a sum of \$1,943.17 to provide for a previous fiscal year's committed expenditures as follows:
\$1914.37 from line 5240 Property Maintenance
\$28.80 from line 5500 Ambulance Supplies.

Moved by Kenny May and seconded

BOS: Unanimous

Fin Com: 5 voted to unanimously

Kenny spoke to the motion

This was for 4 overlooked bills from last year's budget.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to accept, in accordance with Chapter 82, Sections 22 and 24 of the Massachusetts General Laws, Bresciani Lane as a Town way as approved by the Planning Board, filed with the Town Clerk and recorded in the Registry of Deeds, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to accept, in accordance with Chapter 82, Sections 22 and 24 of the Massachusetts General Laws, Bresciani Lane as a Town way as approved by the Planning Board, filed with the Town Clerk and recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Moved by Hugh Hurley and seconded

BOS: Unanimous

Fin Com: 5 voted unanimously 5-0

Hugh spoke to the motion

The subdivision has be completed. The acceptance of the road is the last thing to do for bookkeeping.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 9 of the Town's General By-Laws by adding a new section as proposed:

Section 6. The Town Clerk, after consulting with the Town Administrator, shall have the authority to establish the format of Town bylaws and require that the format of proposed additions or amendments be altered to make the format of the additions to amendments consistent with the Town bylaw format. Such formatting as required should be accomplished prior to presentation to Town Meeting. Further, the Town Clerk shall be responsible for reviewing the format of all existing and proposed Town bylaws, exclusive of zoning by laws, or amendments thereto and shall make appropriate formatting changes. Such change may include changes to spacing, capitalization, font and font size, the use of underlining or italics. These changes shall not in any way alter the language/intent of the bylaw. The Town Clerk is also authorized to renumber sections or subsections of the bylaws where such renumbering may include reordering of bylaw sections or subsections and may include changing from numeric numbering to alphabetic numbering, or the reverse.

MOVE: That the Town vote to amend Article 9 of the Town's General By-Laws by adding Section 6 as printed on the Warrant.

Moved by Anne Iannitelli and seconded

BOS: Unanimous

Fin Com: 5 unanimously 5-0

Anne spoke to the motion.

This is so that simple mistakes in numbering etc can be fixed without coming to Town Meeting. Art Cabral asked about the Bylaw Committee and whether it should look at the bylaws before they come to town meeting. Anne Iannitelli said that the bylaws should be looked at before town meeting and they are. The committee does a great job with the bylaws this would be just in case. Art Cabral asked what happen to the Bylaw Committee we use to have one. Jerry Lawrence said when we have a major bylaw a committee of interested people is formed to go over the bylaw before it goes to town meeting.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to modify the qualifications of the membership of the Agricultural Commission established in Article 31 of the June 7, 2010 Annual Town Meeting to require that the commission shall consist of not less than three (3) but no more than seven (7) members who shall be residents of the Town, a majority of which shall be farmers or employed in an agriculture-related field, and further that if farmers or persons employed in agriculture are not available to serve on the commission, then the commission shall include a majority of members with knowledge and experience in agricultural practices or knowledge of related agricultural business, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to modify the qualifications of the membership of the Agricultural Commission established in Article 31 of the June 7, 2010 Annual Town Meeting to require that the commission shall consist of not less

than three (3) but no more than seven (7) members who shall be residents of the Town, a majority of which shall be farmers or employed in an agriculture-related field, and further that if farmers or persons employed in agriculture are not available to serve on the commission, then the commission shall include a majority of members with knowledge and experience in agricultural practices or knowledge of related agricultural business.

Moved by Jerry Lawrence and seconded

BOS: Unanimous

Fin Com: 5 to refer to voters 5-0

Jerry spoke to the motion

Jerry said that they were having trouble filling the board and this would help meet the quorum.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

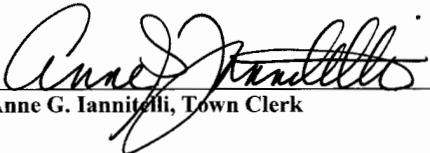
Jim Benson took a moment of personal privilege to wish a Happy Birthday to Anthony Kinahan and Ben Smith.

Jerry Lawrence took a moment of personal privilege to say thank you to Mallory Aronstein for her years of dedicated service. Mallory is moving on to be the new town administrator in the Town of Dighton. He wished her Best Wishes and Good Luck.

Rick Krugger asked to address an issue. The Water Commission knew nothing about the meeting. When they told David Gagne that they had articles for under funded projects, he say the warrant was closed. If they had a new town meeting the Water Department would have to pay for meeting. David Gagne stated that he did not say that. Jerry Lawrence said this is not appropriated for this meeting. Jim Benson agreed and told Rick Krugger to sit down. Rick disagreed. Jim Benson called him out order.

MEETING WAS DISSOLVED AT 7:58 PM

A true copy, Attest:


Anne G. Iannitelli, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER					
OPERATING BUDGET					
AS OF JUNE 30, 2017					
DEPARTMENT	FY17 Original Budget	Adjusted Budget	FY17 Actual Expenditure	FY 17 Encumbered	Ending Balance
TOWN MODERATOR	588.00	588.00	338.00	0.00	250.00
SELECTMAN	195,641.00	195,731.00	166,065.52	9,727.99	19,937.49
ADMINISTRATOR	116,175.00	116,175.00	114,849.91	0.00	1,325.09
FINANCE COMMITTEE	4,100.00	4,100.00	660.00	0.00	3,440.00
RESERVE FUND	67,000.00	40,800.01	0.00	0.00	40,800.01
ACCOUNTANT	115,251.00	115,251.00	91,147.62	0.00	24,103.38
ASSESSORS	202,078.78	210,479.56	191,337.46	4,642.80	14,499.30
TREASURER-COLLECTOR	320,498.00	320,498.00	319,724.75	0.00	773.25
TOWN COUNSEL	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	0.00
DATA PROCESSING	88,912.00	88,912.00	88,912.00	0.00	0.00
CABLE TV COMMITTEE	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00	0.00
TAX FORECLOSURE	90,861.05	90,861.05	1,072.94	0.00	89,788.11
TOWN CLERK	109,639.00	109,639.00	108,953.29	0.00	685.71
ELECTION & REGISTRATION	31,038.38	31,285.76	24,130.43	2,100.00	5,055.33
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	93,494.66	94,458.32	92,411.36	0.00	2,046.96
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	1,871.22	2,792.44	1,871.22	0.00	921.22
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION	665.00	730.00	172.48	0.00	557.52
PLANNING BOARD	22,293.00	23,793.00	23,604.80	0.00	188.20
BOARD OF APPEALS	5,470.00	5,470.00	4,634.85	0.00	835.15
RENT CONTROL BOARD	3,647.49	4,718.97	4,468.27	0.00	250.70
PUBLIC BLDGS AND PROP. MAI	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
INSURANCES	229,694.00	229,694.00	224,115.55	0.00	5,578.45
TOWN HALL	55,783.43	55,860.86	49,470.15	398.76	5,991.95
MUNI BLDG NEEDS	1,454.00	1,454.00	514.46	0.00	939.54
WASTEWATER TREATMENT	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,300.00	0.00	300.00
CWRMP	1,446.00	1,446.00	0.00	0.00	1,446.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	3,700.00	3,700.00	0.00	0.00	3,700.00
POLICE DEP	2,464,864.00	2,471,864.00	2,457,588.02	309.00	13,966.98
FIRE DEP	2,130,143.02	2,134,349.04	2,109,152.66	8,504.37	16,692.01
BUILDING INSPECTOR	133,584.00	133,584.00	127,399.31	642.00	5,542.69
INSPECTOR OF GAS & PL	14,057.00	14,108.00	14,108.00	0.00	0.00
SEALER OF WEIGHTS	6,195.00	6,195.00	5,505.00	0.00	690.00
INSPECTOR OF WIRES	14,257.00	14,483.00	14,283.00	0.00	200.00
DOG OFFICER	8,890.00	9,530.00	5,546.43	1,112.00	2,871.57
PARK DEPARTMENT	342,371.47	360,893.47	348,374.70	6,496.77	6,022.00
HIGHWAY ADMIN	567,749.62	581,780.24	544,756.11	2,728.17	34,295.96
HWY CONSTRUCTION MAIN	98,104.30	111,490.34	98,070.17	0.00	13,420.17
HWY SNOW AND ICE	91,300.00	347,300.00	346,407.25	0.00	892.75
STREET LIGHTING	67,700.00	78,623.00	77,856.20	0.00	766.80
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	297,145.75	310,726.50	237,970.29	59,685.19	13,071.02
VEH MAIN SUPER	92,458.00	94,458.00	91,419.94	11.64	3,026.42
TREE WARDEN DEP	400.00	400.00	310.00	0.00	90.00
BOARD OF HEALTH	139,085.00	139,235.00	134,248.22	64.43	4,922.35
PLYMOUTH CO RAPE CRIS	2,750.00	2,750.00	0.00	0.00	2,750.00
BROCKTON AREA ARK	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
OLD COLONY HOSPICE CARE	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	280,910.32	285,552.64	240,943.85	18.85	44,589.94
VETERANS SERVICES	82,829.00	82,829.00	52,400.98	0.00	30,428.02
LIBRARY SERVICES	420,705.00	420,705.00	420,581.24	120.34	3.42
PLYMOUTH COUNTY EXTENSION	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	1,550.00	1,850.00	1,482.23	0.00	367.77
VETERANS & MEMORIAL D	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,499.87	0.00	0.13
RETIREMENT OF DEBT	1,661,606.00	1,661,606.00	1,661,605.80	0.00	0.20
INT ON LONG TERM DEBT	1,139,541.00	1,139,541.00	1,139,539.73	0.00	1.27
INT ON SHORT TERM DEBT	50,000.00	50,000.00	21,795.91	0.00	28,204.09
COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	22,033.00	22,033.00	22,033.32	0.00	0.32
STATE ASSESSMENTS	545,243.00	545,243.00	590,786.00	0.00	45,543.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,021,407.00	4,765,407.00	4,661,078.99	0.00	104,328.01
SE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL	500,282.00	500,282.00	500,281.50	0.00	0.50
SCHOOL	11,636,849.82	11,638,032.49	10,968,086.32	666,198.08	3,748.09
SUB TOTAL	29,685,461.31	29,763,438.69	28,491,166.10	762,760.39	509,512.20
WATER	2,041,826.05	2,042,233.93	1,734,560.72	16,758.16	290,915.05

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS				
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES				
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS				
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017				
GENERAL FUND				
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES:				
PROPERTY TAXES	23,224,291	23,224,291	22,942,534	(281,757)
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	4,375,481	4,375,481	4,394,954	19,473
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	1,021,000	1,021,000	1,834,292	813,292
HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX	0	0	0	0
INVESTMENT INCOME	10,000	10,000	33,690	23,690
PENALTIES & INTEREST	154,000	154,000	146,727	(7,273)
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	0	0	0	0
SANITATION	0	0	0	0
WATER	0	0	0	0
SEWER	40,000	40,000	45,013	5,013
DEPARTMENTAL	985,087	985,087	1,277,580	292,493
TOTAL REVENUES	29,809,859	29,809,859	30,674,790	864,931
EXPENDITURES:				
CURRENT:				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,846,501	1,833,638	1,609,725	223,913
PUBLIC SAFETY	4,771,990	4,784,113	4,744,150	39,963
EDUCATION	12,137,132	12,138,314	12,134,566	3,748
PUBLIC WORKS	1,214,858	1,524,778	1,459,215	65,563
WATER	0	0	0	0
SEWER	0	0	0	0
SANITATION	0	0	0	0
HUMAN SERVICES	507,824	512,617	429,676	82,941
CULTURE & RECREATION	767,327	786,148	779,755	6,393
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	567,276	567,276	612,819	(45,543)
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,021,407	4,765,407	4,661,079	104,328
DEBT & INTEREST				0
PRINCIPAL	1,661,606	1,661,606	1,661,606	0
INTEREST	1,189,541	1,189,541	1,161,336	28,205
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	29,685,462	29,763,438	29,253,927	509,511
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	124,397	46,421	1,420,863	1,374,442
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):	(100,000)	(100,000)	(200,000)	(100,000)
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN (SOURCES)				
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT (USES)	(707,970)	(707,970)	(707,970)	0
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(807,970)	(807,970)	(907,970)	(100,000)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	(683,573)	(761,549)	512,893	1,274,442

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER COMBINED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2017									
UNAUDITED	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Water Fund	Capital Project Funds	Stabilization Fund	MSH Stabilization Fund	Trust Funds & Agency Accounts	Long-Term Debt	Total
ASSETS									
Pooled cash	7,116,026.85	2,210,173.45	1,188,750.74	1,285,354.96	1,570,513.97	55,538.01	695,151.64		14,121,549.62
Receivables:									0.00
Real estate and personal property taxes & rollback	708,571.35	5,117.24							713,688.59
Tax liens, del'ax, litigation, assets liens	1,730,621.68	10,570.91	67,388.08						1,808,580.67
Motor vehicle & Boat excise	74,784.34								74,784.34
User fees	350,161.44								350,161.44
Departmental and other	183,154.84		30,381.25						213,536.09
Interest									0.00
Pre-governmental									0.00
Other RWPAI		460,917.32							460,917.32
Other Assets									0.00
Overlay	1,432,010.38								1,432,010.38
Tax Foreclosures	309,265.64								309,265.64
Compensated Absences								1,089,034.23	1,089,034.23
Amount to be provided								31,051,510.00	31,051,510.00
TOTAL ASSETS	8,690,417.32	2,686,778.32	1,676,721.51	1,285,354.96	1,570,513.97	55,538.01	695,151.64	32,150,544.23	48,811,020.56
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES									
LIABILITIES:									
Warrants payable									
Deposits & Other liabilities	626,825.92	55,335.31	23,371.12	14,500.00			29,932.74		749,965.09
Abandoned property	113,397.62						41,850.35		155,247.97
Intergovernmental							103,883.95		103,883.95
Accrued Compensated Absences									0.00
Due to Other Gov't		66,059.49					19,503.80	1,089,034.23	1,089,034.23
Deferred revenues	1,574,390.47	475,605.47	487,935.77						2,538,926.71
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable, Current		4,500,000.00		9,614,025.00					14,114,025.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,314,814.01	5,098,000.27	511,301.89	9,628,525.00	0.00	0.00	195,167.84	32,150,544.23	48,899,132.24
FUND BALANCES:									
Reserved for:									
Encumbrances	751,110.97	121,853.34	16,758.16	2,700.00					892,422.47
Appropriation/Overlay Deficits									0.00
Expenditures (fire cash)	2,659,238.00	1,26,855.00	284,964.00						3,070,057.00
Endowment									0.00
Other Financing Sources									0.00
Designated - Specific Purpose Articles	184,432.87	210,499.50	74,482.17	8,345,870.04	1,570,513.97	55,538.01	499,983.80		459,414.54
Undesignated	2,782,021.47	2,870,429.19	789,215.29						5,519,026.69
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	6,375,603.31	2,411,221.35	1,165,419.62	8,343,170.04	1,570,513.97	55,538.01	499,983.80	0.00	1,087,132.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	8,690,417.32	2,686,778.32	1,676,721.51	1,285,354.96	1,570,513.97	55,538.01	695,151.64	32,150,544.23	48,811,020.56
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS June 30, 2017									
ACCOUNT	Community Preservation 19.00	School Cafeteria 22.00	Highway Funds 23.00	Fed & State Grants 25.00	Gen Gov Fed & St Grant 26.00	Revolving Funds 27.00	Receipts Res for approp 28.00	Gifts/ donations 29.00	Totals
Cash	573,315.23	60,087.91	420,381.65	2,344.57	501,993.71	1,271,163.07	144,295.36	77,365.25	2,210,173.45
Receivables									
Tax liens	5,117.24								466,034.56
TOTAL ASSETS	10,570.91	60,087.91	420,381.65	2,344.57	501,993.71	1,732,080.39	144,295.36	77,365.25	2,686,778.92
LIABILITIES									0.00
Warrants & accts payable	4.26	4,301.55		9,971.41	11,668.15	28,643.52	92.25	654.17	55,355.31
Deferred revenues	15,685.15					460,917.32			476,602.47
Bond anticipation notes						4,566,039.49			4,566,039.49
TOTAL LIABILITIES	15,692.41	4,301.55	0.00	9,971.41	11,668.15	5,095,620.33	92.25	654.17	5,096,003.70
FUND BALANCES:									0.00
Articles	210,459.50								210,459.50
Subsequent year exp	126,855.00								126,855.00
CPA Reserves	121,853.34								121,853.34
Unreserved	114,103.13								
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	573,310.97	55,786.36	420,381.65	7,626.84	490,315.56	3,323,539.94	144,203.11	76,711.08	2,870,429.19
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	599,003.38	60,087.91	420,381.65	2,344.57	501,993.71	1,732,080.39	144,295.36	77,365.25	2,686,778.92
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
TRUST FUNDS & AGENCY
June 30, 2017

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER COMBINING BALANCE SHEET TRUST FUNDS & AGENCY June 30, 2017					
ACCOUNT	Non-Expendable 81	Expendable 82	student Activities 84	Agency Accounts 89	Totals
Cash	99,410.33	32,244.31	105,531.15	457,965.95	695,151.64
Receivables					
TOTAL ASSETS	99,410.33	32,244.31	105,531.15	457,965.95	695,151.64
LIABILITIES					
Warrants & accts payable			10,172.74	19,760.00	29,932.74
Tallings & Other Liab				103,883.95	103,883.95
Deposits				41,850.35	41,850.35
Due Other governments				19,500.90	19,500.90
Due other funds					
TOTAL LIABILITIES			10,172.74	184,995.10	
FUND BALANCES:					
Reserved:					
Encumbrances					
Subsequent year exp					
Unreserved	99,410.33	32,244.31	95,358.41	272,970.75	499,983.80
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	99,410.33	32,244.31	95,358.41	272,970.75	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	99,410.33	32,244.31	105,531.15	457,965.95	695,151.64

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

YEAR	07/01/2016 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS EXEMPTIONS	REFUNDS	TAX LIENS/ADJ	FORECLOSURES DEFERRED	COLLECTIONS	06/30/2017 BALANCE
2015	71,518				(28,979)		(42,539)	
2016	489,733		(1,792)	1,792	(89,111)		(296,939)	103,683
2017		22,157,686	(86,516)	43,827		(18,698)	(21,558,191)	538,108
TOTALS	561,251	22,157,686	(88,308)	45,619	(118,090)	(18,698)	(21,897,669)	641,791
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	07/01/2016 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	COLLECTIONS	ADJUSTMENTS	06/30/2017 BALANCE	
2012	3,121		(3,026)		(95)		-	
2013	6,671		(6,452)		(219)		-	
2014	5,740		(278)	278	(1,861)		3,879	
2015	14,899	1,441	(149)	133	(9,009)		7,315	
2016	65,475	357,553	(57,228)	51,269	(394,885)		22,184	
2017		1,397,201	(98,431)	89,938	(1,349,592)		39,116	
TOTALS	95,906	1,756,195	(165,564)	141,618	(1,755,661)	-	72,494	

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES									
		07/01/16						06/30/17	
YEAR		BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	BALANCE	
2012		7,690						7,690	
2013		5,132						5,132	
2014		3,437						3,437	
2015		9,093					(133)	8,960	
2016		18,422		(30)	1,126		(9,235)	10,283	
2017			1,066,605	(217)	1,288		(1,050,968)	16,708	
TOTALS		43,774	1,066,605	(247)	2,414	-	(1,060,336)	52,210	
WATER USE CHARGES									
YEAR		07/01/16	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	ADJ/REFUNDS	WATER LIENS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/17	
2014		80,147				(80,147)		-	
2015		43,886				(43,492)		394	
2016		94,974				(54,654)		40,320	
2017			2,408,900	(149,894)	21,195	(178,293)	(2,121,631)	158,570	
TOTALS		219,007	2,408,900	(149,894)	21,195	(178,293)	(2,121,631)	199,284	
WATER LIENS RECEIVABLES		07/01/16	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	TAX LIENS	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/17	
2014								-	
2015		1,325			(2,305)		(1,325)	-	
2016		7,552					(4,695)	552	
2017			178,293	-	(2,305)	-	(148,465)	29,828	
TOTALS		8,877	178,293	-	(2,305)	-	(154,485)	30,380	
TIE INS			147,856				(165,635)	(17,779)	

REPORT OF THE TREASURER					
TRUST FUNDS	BALANCE AS OF 07/01/2016	INTEREST EARNED	DEPOSITS	FUNDS EXPENDED	BALANCE AS OF 06/30/2017
CEMETERIES					
PINE HILL	3,916.16	3.93			3,920.09
TOWN CEMETERIES	20,640.68	20.66			20,661.34
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS					
#1	16,682.52	16.69			16,699.21
#2	8,560.82	8.56			8,569.38
#3	16,452.37	16.46			16,468.83
#4	18,716.07	18.73			18,734.80
GLADYS COLE LIBRARY FUND	13,243.48	13.25			13,256.73
CURTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND	5,428.71	5.43			5,434.14
W.J. & A.C. HOWARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND	5,081.61	5.08			5,086.69
FRIENDSHIP PARK GAZEBO	2,387.71	2.39			2,390.10
STABILIZATION FUND	1,059,271.45	8,849.21	219,870.00		1,287,990.66
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	87,606.71	184.79	259,142.83	(241,938.95)	104,995.38
MSHS STABILIZATION	55,371.14	166.87			55,538.01

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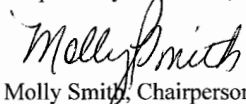
The School Committee is extremely proud of our students, faculty, staff and administrators who have worked very hard under the outstanding leadership of the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patricia Oakley. In 2017 many hands and hearts have created an excellent, high achieving school system. We are grateful for all the support we receive from the community fostering the growth of our younger residents of West Bridgewater. We are honored to work together to provide the best educational experience for all our students.

The community is invited to learn more about what is going on in and out of our classrooms by subscribing to any of the various social media outlets. Administrators and teachers post daily about achievements, awards, lessons, events and schedule changes. There are moments that you don't want to miss on social media, try googling the WBMSHS Mannequin Challenge or the Welcome Back to School Video that includes singing and dancing by some of our finest town employees! We are proud to have the local cable station call the Middle Senior High School home enabling our students to learn twenty first century skills and communicate important information in and outside of the school.

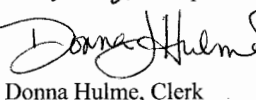
We also welcome you to come to the schools for important town events, like the town meeting we are all attending tonight! We have clubs and organizations that meet in the evenings and weekends in our four school buildings. We have book fairs, craft sales, seasonal celebrations, sporting events, concerts, art shows and theatre productions. Come enjoy and support the talents of our West Bridgewater students.

In 2017 the graduation rate was an impressive 98% with 96% of the class having higher education plans or entering the military after graduation. The graduating class achieved 100% passing rate of the high-stakes grade 10 MCAS for the 18th straight year. We are thankful to all of the supportive residents and proud of our students and school community. Congratulations West Bridgewater! Go Wildcats!

Respectfully Submitted,


Molly Smith, Chairperson


William Flynn, Vice Chairperson


Donna Hulme, Clerk


James Holden


Susan Sullivan

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2017 Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater,

The School Department had another successful year in 2017, and we thank the community for its continued support and partnership in making the West Bridgewater Public Schools a great place to learn and grow.

In January the school department kicked off the new year with a three day visit from the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education's Office of Accountability, which facilitated a targeted district review of all of our schools. The state performs these audits on approximately 20 school districts per year that are randomly selected. Our review targeted three areas; curriculum and instruction, assessment, and student support services. In June we received the long awaited report and were very pleased with the results. The review team noted that, "The district has effective systems for curriculum development and implementation, for monitoring students' progress and using data to make instructional decisions, and for supporting students academically, socially and emotionally." In addition, they stated that, "The district has developed a well defined and widely understood model of effective lesson design and delivery. Core components of that model include, student engagement, technology integration, individualization, high academic expectations and a safe supportive learning environment." As with any evaluation there were also suggestions for areas of growth which were mainly in the area of revising written curriculum documents with appropriate detail. Although it can be stressful to open up your schools to outside evaluators, overall it was a very positive experience.

In June as the middle senior high school students finished their second year in our state of the art facility, we were contacted by the Massachusetts School Building Authority that the building was chosen as one of the states new model schools. The model school program was created to effectively adapt and re-use the design of successful, recently constructed schools. This honor is a validation for all of the time and effort put forth by the School Building Committee and the financial support from tax payers.

In the spring all students in grades 3-8 took the new next generation MCAS online for the first time. The district scored above the state average in both ELA and mathematics, and West Bridgewater students continued to rank among the highest compared to surrounding districts. In addition, the high school continues to have one of the lowest dropout rates in the area and 90% of the class of 2017 went on to attend post-secondary education.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia W. Oakley, Ed.D.

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**Cory Mikolayik
Director of Student Services**

Annual Report from the Director of Student Services

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Residents of West Bridgewater,

I respectfully submit my 2018 annual report for the Special Education Department.

The Special Education Department continues to work on behalf of the students of West Bridgewater providing a variety of services. In order to determine students' eligibility for special education services, staff administer assessments in all areas of suspected disability, including but not limited to: psychological, educational, speech and language, fine motor, gross motor, and behavioral. Staff members work with students requiring special education services in a variety of locations, from the general education classroom to a resource room, using specially designed instruction or providing specialized related services.

Spring Street School houses our Preschool Learning Center. Preschool students with special needs are included with typically developing peers in classroom settings that allow for all students to work at their developmental level. The Kindergarten program has is a full-day program and students with special needs are included in the general education setting with itinerant services in resource settings. Our elementary schools, the Rose L. MacDonald and Howard Schools, provide services both in the classroom and in alternative locations, as students require highly specialized programming and services. Services are provided by special education teachers, related service providers, and instructional assistants. The Middle/Senior High School also provides special education services both in class and in directed study or individual settings.

System-wide, two speech therapists provide articulation and language services as needed for students in PK to 12th grade. Services for Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT), and Adaptive Physical Education (APE) are provided through READS Collaborative. Students who need assistance with fine motor or gross motor skills receive their services from the collaborative staff. Using collaborative resources allows us to provide cost-effective and high-quality services by sharing staff with other school districts.

West Bridgewater is a member of both the READS Collaborative and North River Collaborative. Our association with these collaboratives does allow us access to specialized services, testing, grants, and out-of-district placements for our students. As a small school system, West Bridgewater benefits by joining with other school systems to provide cost-effective programming.

As required by state and federal laws, the West Bridgewater Special Education Department conducts special needs screening for all students entering kindergarten. Additionally, referrals are accepted each year for children as they turn 3 years of age if parents or service providers believe the child may have special needs. The annual child-find and kindergarten special needs screening is conducted in April and May.

During the past year, staff from the Special Education Department attended trainings on a variety of topics that enhanced their ability to support the learning of students with disabilities and to ensure they are as successful as possible. Some of the professional development included training to support students with behavioral and emotional challenges, Non-Violent Crisis Intervention, mindfulness, IEP development, legal issues, technology integration, Language-Based Instruction, social/emotional learning supports. In addition, staff have used professional development time to create a specialized student support team to provide targeted populations of professionals' opportunities and resources to best

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Director of Student Services**

improve their practice. Additionally, the West Bridgewater Public School organized, hosted and facilitated of (2) year-long job-alike groups; speech and language pathologists as well as school psychologists. Several districts are represented and all that participate gained valuable information and opportunity to share best practices with professional colleagues.

This year, the district-wide Behavioral Health Task Force continues to work on the implementation of social/emotional curricula in each building. Each building has also implemented Calm Classroom activities, which are three-five minute mindfulness breaks within the school day. Finally, we again contracted with a clinical social worker, a clinical psychologist, and a clinical psychiatrist to provide embedded, student-specific professional development to support positive behavioral health.

West Bridgewater Public Schools is committed to providing all students with the opportunity to access the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and make meaningful progress. The staff members who are part of the Special Education Department are committed to improving the educational experiences and opportunities for students with special needs.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cory Mikolazyk".

Cory Mikolazyk, M.Ed., CAGS
Director of Student Services



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West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School 2017 Annual Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

The mission of the West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School is to provide a safe, supportive learning environment in which each student will acquire the knowledge, skills and values necessary to become a life-long learner and responsible citizen in our diverse and changing society.

Our first day of school for the 2017-2018 school year was on September 6, 2017. This was the third year in the new building and athletic fields on campus. We continue to have a 1:1 learning environment where all students have a chromebook which is used regularly during classroom instruction and for assessments. Our educational staff has worked to integrate technology into lessons to fully utilize the technology that is available. This well designed, state of the art school provides our students with amazing learning opportunities. The faculty and staff continue to keep high academic rigor in the classrooms. All who enter the new Middle/Senior High School are amazed at what it has to offer our students. Our school is starting the process towards our decennial visit by the NEASC accrediting agency. In the spring of 2018 we will have our Collaborative Conference and then our decennial visit in the Spring of 2020.

On Friday evening, May 26, 2017, 97 seniors received their diplomas at the indoor ceremony in the Middle/Senior High School gym. It was a wonderful event that celebrated all of the successes and accomplishments of the class. The Class of 2017 continued the tradition of participation in the Community Service Learning Program and performed 20 hours of community service as part of their Contemporary Americans Issues (CAI) curriculum. The community service requirement is a wonderful tradition of giving back to the West Bridgewater community. The Class of 2017 once again engaged in Senior Projects, a student customized project that allows them to focus on a project that relates to what they are passionate about or something they would like to pursue in the future. This was a rewarding and mutually beneficial endeavor for the students and the community. Ninety percent of the Class of 2017 was accepted to go on to post-secondary education and three students went into the military to serve our nation.. Twenty seven members of the Class of 2017 were recognized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as John and Abigail Adams Scholarship winners. This award is based on the student's high school MCAS exams (Biology, English and Math) and entitles each student to a scholarship for free tuition at any state college or state university in Massachusetts.

All members of the Class of 2017 passed the state mandated Math, English and Science MCAS tests. A student cannot receive a high school diploma if they have not passed the English/Language Arts, Mathematics and Science MCAS exams. All members of the Classes of 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 also passed this exam. Our middle school students took the next generation MCAS exams online using their chromebooks. Our staff continues to work diligently to prepare our students for these exams.

Our service clubs and organizations, such as the Leo's Club, National Honor Society, Spanish and French Honor Societies, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Student Council and Diversity Club, continue to be very active and give back to the school and community. They do an outstanding job representing West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School. Numerous students also participated in other clubs such as the Drama Club, Band, Chorus, Video Club, Minecraft Club, Debate Club, Ski and Board Club, Environmental Club, Color Guard, Math Club, Student Council, Spanish Club, French Club, and Yearbook. It is wonderful to see so many students participating in these clubs and activities. We have a very high percentage of students who participate in some type of extra curricular activity.

Again this year the West Bridgewater coaches and student-athletes have continued the tradition of excellence in athletics. The goal of our athletic program is for the students to develop skills, values, attitudes and a competitive spirit, which will better prepare them to take their place in today's society. Our athletic program is an integral part of the total educational experience. Our student-athletes learn the meaning of sportsmanship, cooperation, and commitment through teamwork and competition. Many of our student athletes have been recognized as both Mayflower League All Stars and Brockton Enterprise All Scholastics. Many of our athletic teams qualified for the MIAA state tournament and were champions of the Mayflower League. Our co-op gymnastics team with Bridgewater-Raynham won the state gymnastics title.

I would like to thank the faculty, staff, students, volunteers and all of the parents of students here at West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School for making this school a wonderful place of learning. This school and district is so successful because of the hard working students, dedicated faculty and staff and a supportive community.

Sincerely,

Mark Bodwell

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Principal



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Peggy Spencer
Principal

2017 Annual Report of the Howard School

Dear Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

The Howard School opened its doors to all students on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, with 296 students in grades four, five and six.

Two fourth grade teachers retired this year. Jeanne Menton and Susan Moore retired. Our fourth grade teachers are Joan Magnuson, Amy Winter, former Special Education teacher Jamie Ferreira, and former grade five teacher Eileen Graf. We have four fifth grade classes taught by Deborah Holland, Deborah Kelley, Christine Olsen, and Long-Term Substitute Krystal Keady. We have four sixth grade classes taught by Carol Battaglia, Anna Mills, Melissa Wenzel, and David Peckrill. The district is fortunate to have the Title I grant back for the eighth year. We are very fortunate to have three Title I certified teachers on our staff, Katie McCaughey, Paula O'Connor, and Kristine Roberts.

The students continue to receive daily instruction in Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. The students in the sixth grade work in a middle school model of scheduling, where they change classes for each of the core area subjects. All of the teachers continue to teach to the students the standards in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks/Common Core to ensure that all of our students are well prepared for the state assessment tests (PARCC/MCAS) in the spring. In addition, students receive instruction in Art, Music (vocal or instrumental), Computer Technology, and Physical Education on a weekly basis. Our fourth and five grade students receive instruction in STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) to enhance and extend our science curriculum. Our sixth grade students receive specialist instruction in World Language. There are two musical concerts with one in the winter and one in the spring, as well as an annual spring Art Show.

The Howard School staff continues to work towards improving our performance on the standardized assessments, which will be MCAS this year. All of the teachers have analyzed the previous year's testing results to make data based decisions for continuously improving instruction. The Howard School staff also reviews the curriculum to ensure that we are meeting the Common Core/Massachusetts standards in all areas. We continue to strive to give each student the best education possible.

The Howard School is fortunate to have curriculum Team Leaders for each grade level. Amy Winter is the team leader of grade four; Christine Olsen of grade five; and Melissa Wenzel of grade six. All three will continue to meet with the teachers in their grade level team to discuss areas of strength, evaluate curriculum, and find areas where we can continue to improve.

Once again, students have had the opportunity to participate in the After-School Enrichment Program. There are a wide variety of activities from which they may choose for this extracurricular program. We would like to thank Sarah O'Donnell for leading these outstanding programs which are taught by our staff

and community members. It is encouraging to see so many students active in the school after the close of the school day. It is a safe place for them to be with their friends while learning a new skill or activity.

We are very fortunate to once again to participate in the DARE Program for our grade six students. This successful program is coordinated and taught by West Bridgewater Police Officer Kenneth Thaxter. He continues to do an outstanding job and is a valued member of the Howard School staff. He is well respected by all of his students.

This year Anna Mills continued the annual tradition of the Howard School Geography Bee. This school-wide competition culminated in the final rounds being held in the gymnasium with the entire school population, as well as parents, in attendance. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to be involved in this competition. Anna Mills also continued to organize and facilitate the Little Leo's Club for our students. This is a volunteer club affiliated with the high school Leo's Club and the West Bridgewater Lions Club. The club gives students an opportunity to join an organization to give back to the school and community.

The Howard School also continued the Wildcat PRIDE program this year, awarding recognition to students who exemplify the monthly theme. Another positive reinforcement program which continues at the Howard is the 360 Club, in which teachers recognize students for academic achievement, strong effort, or outstanding behavior. Students "enter" the club when recognized for their achievement.

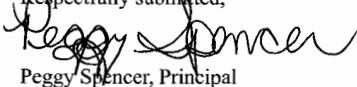
Once again our sixth grade students will have the opportunity to go to Nature's Classroom in Groton, Massachusetts for one week. This will be the eighteenth year that our students have gone on this week-long field trip. It is a wonderful experience for the students who learn to work together and live together for the week. It could not be done without the dedication of our staff and chaperones who volunteer their time for the week. This is an experience that will stay with the students for a lifetime.

Our students have also had the opportunity to serve and help others. Thank you to David Peckrill, the leader of the Howard School Student Council. The students are elected to this position and there are two students and an alternate from each homeroom. The students have also shown community spirit and support through a variety of activities including Toys for Tots, and contributions to the Food Pantry. Little Leos members have also served the West Bridgewater community.

Once again the West Bridgewater PTO provided the students with numerous enrichment programs that tied directly to the curriculum. The PTO meets monthly to discuss fundraisers to benefit the students and ways to enrich our programs through presentations and educational materials. We would like to thank them for their dedication and efforts on behalf of the students and staff. The Howard School Council meets once a month throughout the school year. Thank you to the parents and staff who volunteer for positions on this committee.

The Howard School community includes a dedicated staff, hard-working students, and supportive parents. This community continues to work collaboratively toward the success of the Howard School as we prepare our students for their bright futures.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Peggy Spencer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P".

Peggy Spencer, Principal

The Mission of the West Bridgewater Public Schools is to work together with home and community to provide our students a safe environment in which to acquire the knowledge, skills and values needed for success in a diverse and global society of the 21st Century.

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2017 Town Report of the Rose L. MacDonald School

To the Honorable Selectman and the Citizens of West Bridgewater:

The Rose L MacDonald School welcomed 253 students on September 6, 2017. The RLM currently houses twelve classrooms, four at each grade one through three. In addition to twelve certified classroom teachers, we have three certified special education teachers, five special education instructional assistants, a behavioral specialist, a school nurse, and a school secretary. Special education and regular education services are provided by a certified school psychologist, who provides counseling and administers testing for student evaluations. A licensed speech and language pathologist evaluates and services children with speech or language needs. A reading specialist evaluates and works with students who benefit from additional small group instructional sessions and also provides support to classroom teachers. To serve our population of English Language Learners (ELL) we have a district ESL (English as a Second Language) specialist who works with students and their teachers district wide.

This year the district once again qualified for Title One federal funds. Through this grant academic support services are provided to students who meet specific academic criteria. This funding provides academic support for students at Rose L. MacDonald School in areas of math and reading with three part-time Title One teachers. They provide support in the form of extra small group instruction in and out of the classroom .

The Massachusetts Frameworks incorporating the Common Core is aligned with curriculum in all grades and addresses the preparation of students for the state assessment in grade three . In the Spring of 2018, grade three students will be taking the MCAS test online. The English Language Arts portion of the test will be administered in April and the Math portion in May.

We are currently in year three of our new math program and this year, teachers have spent time fine tuning their instruction to including providing instruction in differentiated small groups, as they are now familiar with the new curriculum materials. *Envision Math 2.0* offers a balanced instructional model with an emphasis on conceptual understanding, fluency and application through rigorous problem solving.

English Language Arts instruction addresses all areas of literacy including listening, speaking, reading, and writing. An assortment of instructional materials speaks to these skill areas, and teachers utilize a repertoire of established teaching strategies. A balanced literacy program, one that utilizes varied and research based effective teaching practices, is at the heart of reading instruction. The Scott Foresman *Reading Street Program* is currently utilized at each grade level. Teachers use a combination of online and consumable resources. We have begun following the newly adopted Massachusetts Next Generation Science Standards. Science and Social Studies standards are addressed through the reading program with the use of nonfiction children's literature.

In the 21st century, a fully literate person needs to access and apply critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creative thinking skills via technology. We are fortunate to continue to be a 1:1 district this year. Every child has access to their own device whether an IPAD or chromebook. An instructional technology specialist works with teachers and students to integrate subject content at each grade with technology

resources. These technology tools support our mission of enabling students to succeed in “the diverse and global society of the 21st century.”

Children at Rose L. MacDonald also receive instruction in art, music, STEM, technology and physical education each week. During their STEM class, Students engage in hands-on experiments that align with the Next Generation Science Standards. These lessons extend and enrich classroom science instruction. Students continue to be able to exchange library books one a week, as the library is staffed part time with an instructional assistant. Specialist teachers in these areas provide experiences which are developmentally appropriate activities that build skills over time in their respective areas. Each of these areas address the standards set forth by the state in their respective domains at each grade levels.

Safety protocols are updated at the Safe Schools Committee meetings on a regular basis. The WB police conduct visits on a daily basis. Drills at each school allow for practice of the protocols in place. All faculty wear identification and all visitors and substitutes sign in and also wear identification while in the building.

School Improvement Council meetings take place on a regular basis at the Rose L. MacDonald School. Parents, teachers and community members meet with the principal. Based on these meetings, the council’s recommendations and a school wide “Satisfaction Survey” is created. The survey results will be used to develop a School Improvement Plan. A School Improvement Plan is written to outline goals for the coming year that align with the district’s Strategic Plan. Goals that address the continual improvement of student achievement as well as maintaining the school facility are included.

The self-supporting after school enrichment program has continued into its eleventh year and is now under the leadership of community member Sandra Churchill. A variety of courses including arts and crafts, technology, science, sports, drama and music are offered to youngsters.

A Surround Care program that provides before and after school childcare is offered at the Rose L. MacDonald School. It provides working parents with safe, conveniently-located and reasonably priced child care for their children both before and after school. Childcare providers organize recreational events, help students with homework, and provide snacks to students.

P.T.O. officers and members have continued to work throughout the year on fundraising efforts that provide various enrichment programs related to the curriculum at each grade level. We have a dedicated core of parent volunteers and teachers that meet monthly to plan fundraising endeavors which pay for special programs for the school that connect to state standards and curriculum.

Thanks to the ongoing work of town residents Laurie Polen and the Friends of the West Bridgewater Public Library, children receive free books three times a year from the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program. It is a program that the PTO also partially funds as well as some local businesses.

In conclusion, I would like to commend the faculty, staff and families of the Rose L. MacDonald School who continue to work cohesively and with commitment to provide a quality, all-inclusive world class education for the children of the Rose L. MacDonald School.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Keitha Goulet, Principal



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Peggy Spencer
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2017 Annual Report of the Spring Street School

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater,

The Spring Street School is an Early Childhood Education Center that is equipped to meet the needs of children from 3 through 5 years of age. School began on Monday, September 11, 2017, with 137 students enrolled in the preschool and kindergarten. There are two preschool teachers and four kindergarten teachers. Our preschool is NAEYC certified, an accreditation that assures our preschool meets high standards for early childhood programs.

This is the third year of our full-day program for all students in kindergarten. In March, 2015, the School Committee voted to have tuition free, district wide, full day Kindergarten in W.B. for all, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Each kindergarten class has a full-time certified teacher and one instructional assistant. This is also the third year of providing Title I services to kindergarten students. Title I services are provided in a small group setting and in the classroom.

Students receive instruction in readiness skills, reading, writing and math that align with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks that incorporate the Common Core Standards for preschool and kindergarten. The *Reading Street Program* is the basis of the kindergarten reading program. The implementation of the *Envisions Math* program continues to be successful this year. Kindergarten students are provided special instruction in Music, Art, Physical Education, Technology and Science-Technology-Engineering-Math (STEM) by certified teachers.

We are fortunate to continue to build on the available technology for the school and classrooms and acquire licenses for online instructional enhancements, some of these are generously provided through PTO revenue. Teachers continue to be offered professional development in the use available technologies. The preschool has computer pods that are used for instruction as well as the practice of skills in reading and math. Kindergarten students receive instruction in technology by a dedicated technology specialist. IPADs are an integral part of the daily technology resources available to teachers during the school day as well. Teachers utilize technology to enhance curriculum, differentiate instruction and engage students and the knowledge of how best to integrate this resource is a continual endeavor in this regard. These tech tools support our mission of enabling students to succeed in "the diverse and global society of the 21st century" for our youngest children.

The Spring Street School Council meets monthly during the year to investigate ways to improve the school and write a yearly school improvement plan. The "Parent/Guardian Survey" that goes out to all parents helps the School Council members consider parent input in the formation of the

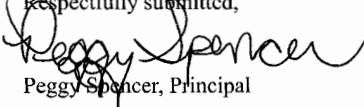
yearly improvement plan. We thank our School Council members for their work on behalf of the school.

A Surround Care program that provides before and after school childcare is offered at the Spring Street School. It provides working parents a safe, conveniently-located childcare solution for children before and after school hours at a reasonable cost.

We are privileged to have a very active and involved group of parent volunteers in the kindergarten to support students and teachers in their important work of educating our youngest citizens. Parent volunteers work with small groups of students to provide practice and reinforcement of the basic literacy and math skills and arts and crafts activities. Their dedication is immeasurable in helping build strong foundational skills as they provide much needed extra hands and encouragement for our young children.

In closing, I would like to thank our parent volunteers, the PTO, and staff members for their contributions, dedication and commitment to the mission of our school and district .

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Spencer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Peggy Spencer, Principal

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School District consists of a four-year public high school and a post-secondary technical institute. During 2016-2017, the high school offered twenty career majors to students from Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater. The Southeastern Technical Institute offered the following day programs: Practical Nurse, Medical Assisting and Dental Assisting. Evening programs included Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Driver's Education, Enrichment classes, HVAC, Medical classes, Phlebotomy and Practical Nurse.

THE DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE consists of ten dedicated individuals elected from the communities of Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater.

Colleen Maloney is the West Bridgewater Representative on the School Committee.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School is a four-year public high school serving the young men and women from the City of Brockton and the Towns of East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton, and West Bridgewater.

At Southeastern this year, students chose from twenty career majors in preparation for life's opportunities and challenges. Our school combines a rigorous academic curriculum with challenging vocational and technical studies to help students realize their full learning potential.

The schedule was designed to have students alternate between academic and technical coursework. This process promotes integration of studies and helps bridge the gap between theoretical and practical experience.

The hands-on approach to learning helped reconnect students to education, and provided the basis for life-long learning—an essential skill in today's highly competitive global market.

Upon graduation, students had the choice of furthering their education in any two or four year institution, internships, certification programs, military service or going directly into the workforce.

Exploratory Program—The goal at Southeastern is to have students choose a career major that excites them about school and education. Recognizing the fact that many incoming students had not spent much time considering their future, we developed a Freshman Exploratory Program which combines career counseling, career exploration, academic studies, and testing to help students make the right decision. Ninth grade applicants selected several technical areas they wished to explore. The exploratory program consists of examining many different program areas. Parents were encouraged to participate by asking their child about each program and by attending Freshman Parent Meetings.

ACADEMICS

Southeastern Regional offers a full and rigorous series of academic classes comparable to any comprehensive school. A common misconception about vocational school academics is that they are "easier" because students are only here to learn a trade. In actuality, students who attend a vocational school who apply themselves are challenged more extensively than comprehensive school students. Not

only do vocational students have the opportunity to gain skills in a specific trade, but they will also be on track to attend a 4-year college by working through academic courses.

SOUTHEASTERN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

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In the past 50 years, Southeastern Technical Institute has provided training in several vocational areas, constantly striving to meet the training needs of our students and area businesses. This year, the Technical Institute housed day and evening Practical Nurse programs, a Medical Assisting program, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning program, and a Dental Assisting program. The new Culinary Arts and Cosmetology programs continued for a second year. In addition, there were several evening part-time programs designed to meet the training needs of our community.

In 2016, Southeastern Technical Institute applied to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to offer evening Electrical and Plumbing programs during the 2017/2018 academic year.

The STI participated in the Southeastern Regional School District's Program Advisory Committee, advising, assisting and supporting school personnel to improve planning, operation and evaluation of a program area, based on adequate and timely information as to workforce and job development demands or job market trends, technological developments, training alternatives and other factors affecting the quality of the program. The Committee consisted of representatives of local business and industry members related to each program, organized labor, post-secondary institutions, parents and guardians, students and representatives for registered apprenticeship programs, if applicable. Meetings were held in the Autumn of 2016 and Spring of 2017.

WEST BRIDGEWATER

Southeastern's Class of 2017 West Bridgewater graduates were:

Michael J. Butler, Kylie A. Dearing, Jillian N. Hardy, Noah S. Kalil, Stephen M. Kelley, Kyle D. Leighton, Jacob A. Looney, Nicholas P. Mariani, Sean M. Munro, Kayla R. Nee, Cameron D. Otis, Kassidy L. Padon, Emma K. Pimentel, Michael K. Prendergast, Samantha J. Sherman, Lena S. Stockman, Darell E. Strickland, Owen D. Winkler

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Additional documents and information may be accessed at our website at www.sersd.org or www.stitech.edu.



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Ellen Snoeyenbos, Director

February, 2018

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, elected officials and residents of the Town of West Bridgewater, the Library Board of Trustees takes pleasure in presenting the 2017 annual report.

It has been a year of expanding collections and services at the West Bridgewater Public Library. Working with the concept that a library is more than books, we have added many new items to our "Library of Things." A bird watchers spotting scope, a child-size guitar, a Meade Refraction Telescope, and book club kits are among our newer items. These are all available for checking out and were donated through the generosity of local residents. Online resources and downloadable books, graphic novels, music, movies, and audiobooks give West Bridgewater patrons ways to use the library without even coming into the building.

This year, through the generosity of NASA, we received two thousand Solar Eclipse protective glasses which inspired us to host a wildly popular Partial Solar Eclipse Party on August 21st. Over seven hundred avid sky-watchers attended and enjoyed using the glasses as well as taking advantage of the solar-protected telescopes from Astronomy Clubs from around the region.

In June we sadly said goodbye to long-time Assistant Director, April McDermott, who retired after twenty-two years of dedicated service to children, teens, and adults. Generations of Kindergarteners got their first library cards from April, who always made the event a special occasion. Her knowledge of individual patron reading interests and abilities was legendary. We miss her and wish her well.

We also said goodbye to long-time Head of Reference, Sherry Pinter. Sherry gave West Bridgewater great customer service, kept our computers up-to-date and provided excellent reference help to West Bridgewater patrons. We wish her well in her retirement.

We are grateful to the Friends of the Library for their unwavering support of new technology and proven existing old favorites such as the expanded Museum pass program and the 3D printer. The Friends also were responsible for two of our most popular events: The Amazing Race, a town-wide scavenger hunt, and the Polar Express Party in December featuring our very own train conductor, Jerry Lawrence.

As always, I have to thank our staff for the great job they do. Without them our library couldn't function as well as it does. Their attention to detail in everything they do ensures that the library runs smoothly and with great customer satisfaction.

Lastly, I must thank the community we serve. Your support has enabled us to grow and widen our services, making the library an essential hub of community life.

We are all grateful for your support and we will try hard to make the library reach the needs of all the citizens of our town.

Respectfully submitted,

David Church, Chairman, Library Board of Trustees



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2017 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

2017 was a year of growth and change at the West Bridgewater Public Library.

With an interest in serving West Bridgewater citizens who commute and/or have difficulty getting into the library we are continually adding more downloadable books, music, audiobooks and streaming video to our offerings. Currently this is a list of online resource we offer to West Bridgewater library card holders:

- Ancestry.com (in-house only)
- Heritage Quest
- Lynda.com – video training resource
- Hoopla – streaming books, movies, music
- Overdrive – downloadable ebooks and audiobooks
- Back issues of the Boston Globe and the NYTimes
- Academic databases
- Drivers Ed. Prep Tests
- Qello concerts
- Novelist – “what should I read next?”
- Britannica Online
- Adobe Creative Cloud Suite (in-house)

This year we said goodbye to two of our long-serving employees. In June, 2017, Assistant Director, April McDermott, retired after twenty-two years of dedication service to West Bridgewater patrons of all ages. April knew everyone in town and what they liked to read. She made Kindergarten “Get-You-First-Library-Card” Day memorable to generations of children and even today many young adults fondly remember getting their first library card from her. Sherry Pinter, our Head of Reference, retired in December, 2017. Sherry managed the non-fiction collection, gave excellent reference service and kept our computers up-to-date. She, too, will be sorely missed.

The big capital project accomplished in 2017 was the renovation of the sidewalks, handicap ramp and entryways. Aluminum hand rails have been installed on stairs, ramps and the front entryway. This project was done efficiently and well within budget. The safety and comfort of our patrons is our most important priority.

A major weeding project was begun in 2016 and completed in 2017. We reduced the number of volumes held but culling books that hadn’t circulated in three years. We found that the number of 2017 checkouts we handled – both in-house and online - went up 30% from 2016. Though counter intuitive, this is a well-reported phenomenon in public libraries. Freshening the collection makes it easier to use.

The Friends of the Library have been very supportive of library resources and programs. The museum passes they purchase are wildly popular. Here is the current list:

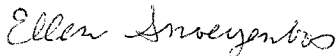
- Children's Museum in Easton
- Boston Children's Museum
- Museum of Science
- Museum of Fine Arts
- USS Constitution
- Fairbanks House
- Edaville Railroad
- Massachusetts State Parks
- Mystic Aquarium in CT
- Roger Williams Zoo

The 2017 Summer Reading theme was "Building a Better World with an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. 150 children participated and many programs were held. Local businesses and organizations contributed financially to the library Summer Reading Program and include: Route 28 Collision, West Bridgewater Lions Club, John DeCosta, Locksmith, Harbor One Bank, Bridgewater Savings Bank, Trucchi's, Turner Steel, Estabrook and Chamberlain Insurance, B+B Bicycle, Reid-Hoffman Insurance Agency, CWB Contractors, Friends of the West Bridgewater Public Library and Raleigh Auto Body.

In honor of the July, 2017 bicentennial of the birthday of Massachusetts naturalist-philosopher, Henry David Thoreau, we held a number of related events. The winners of the "Why Thoreau is Still Important Today" essay contest were: Timothy Churchill, Pearce Sutcliffe, and Laura Ojugbana. The winners of the adult Thoreau-inspired photography contest were: Richard Olson, Amy Murphy, and Christine DiVirgilio. An Americana folk concert with the Mark Mandeville Band was held on the newly-acquired open space, Pratt's Landing. The Friends of the Library sponsored all of these events with help from Mansfield Bank.

The library staff joins me in thanking the citizens of West Bridgewater for their continued support of the library as a vital service to all residents in the town. We look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Snoeyenbos

Library Director



Town of West Bridgewater

Board of Assessors

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater, the Board of Assessors submits its annual report.

The mission of the Assessor's office is to deliver excellent service to our taxpayers, keep our door open to the public, provide adequate tax revenue to the community, provide taxpayers with assessments that are correct and fair, and minimize the tax burden while fostering economic prosperity.

We successfully completed our interim valuation certification project for Fiscal Year 2018. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) carefully monitored and reviewed the Board of Assessors' Fiscal Year 2018 sales analysis and our proposed interim year adjustments and we received certification of our values from the DOR in a timely fashion, which allowed us to set our tax rates and issue tax bills without any interruption of cash flow for the town. Next year we will be undertaking a full Revaluation (aka Certification) Program. As a result of the Municipal Modernization Act of 2016, our current three year Revaluation/Certification cycle will shift to a five year cycle after Fiscal Year 2019. We will continue to perform interim valuation certification projects during the intervening revaluation years.

Recent economic conditions mildly impacted property values as reflected in this year's real estate and personal property assessments. Residential real estate assessments increased by 8.3%; Commercial assessments increased overall by 3.8%; and, Industrial assessments increased by 1.3%. Personal Property assessments increased by 6.3%. Both the Residential and Commercial Tax Rates decreased for the second consecutive year. 'Added Growth' increased this year by \$190,019. over last year, from \$578,444. to \$768,463. This is the highest Added Growth amount since Fiscal Year 2000 (\$790,626.).

The Board of Assessors once again funded the Senior Work Off Program from our Overlay Account; this year in the amount of \$28,820. The program benefited thirty-seven (37) senior citizens who participated in the program, most of them volunteering seventy five (75) hours of their time, receiving up to a maximum reduction of Eight Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$825.00) from their annual real estate tax bill.

The Board continues to provide online access to our real estate database. Our Property Record Card (PRC) system may be researched by going directly to <http://westbridgewater.patriotproperties.com/> or by connecting to our Town webpage (www.town.west-bridgewater.ma.us) and clicking on the [Online Database](#) link. We also offer online forms and applications, exemption guidelines, Appellate Tax Board information, a Taxpayer Handbook link, and other links commonly used by our office. For those who do not have online access, this information is also available at our office during regular business hours.

This year witnessed personnel changes to both the Board of Assessors and its office staff. The Board welcomes Paula Bunker as the incoming member of the Board and gratefully acknowledges Gerry Stetson for his many years of faithful service as a member of the Board of Assessors. Tami Houde joined the office staff in October after Jean Upton transitioned to a new position in the Treasurer/Collector's Office. The Board wishes to thank Jean for her thirteen years of dedicated service and wishes her success in her new endeavor. The Assessor's office is now overseen by the Board of Assessors with John Donahue as Principal Assessor, Donna Cotter, Head Administrative Secretary and Tami Houde, Principal Secretary, comprising the office staff. All staff members are certified by the Department of Revenue to perform their respective duties. The Board of Assessors and our staff continue to participate in workshops and seminars to keep current with ever changing laws, regulations, and the continuing education requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the appraisal and administration of real estate and personal property assessments. The Board wishes to thank our staff for their consistent hard work, professional attitude and dedication in assisting taxpayers and the general public.

Finally, the Board of Assessors would like to thank the residents and taxpayers of West Bridgewater, as well as all the Town Boards, Committees, Commissions, and Departments for their cooperation in helping us reach our goals and objectives.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen W. McCarthy, Chairman
Cheryl A. Smith, Clerk
Paula M. Bunker, Member



TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

OFFICE OF BOARD OF HEALTH
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Town Report for 2017

The purpose of public health systems is to preserve and protect the health of entire populations and promote health status improvements for all.

The West Bridgewater Board of Health consists of an office Secretary, Health Agent, and 3 elected members.

We are the licensing authority for restaurants, supermarkets, convenience stores, tattoo parlors, tanning, mobile home parks, septic installers, trash haulers, septic haulers, pet supplies, piggeries, Hookah, Tobacco and other various entities.

The Health Agent performed 134 routine food service inspections at restaurants, schools, mobile food servers, day care centers and retail stores. Routine food inspections of all businesses selling food of any type are inspected at a minimum of twice a year. These inspections are not only for cleanliness but for the storage and disposal of food, temperatures, and handling practices. New establishments and ownership changes are inspected prior to the license being issued. In addition to routine inspections complaints are investigated and rectified. Additional Inspections as well as various other licenses issued by this office are not factored into this count.

The Health agent reviews all Title V inspection reports submitted to the office, and witnesses all percolation tests performed for new septic installations and repairs. There were 41 perc tests performed, 49 septic repairs/or new construction permits and 86 title five inspection reports. Each system has a minimum of 2 site inspections during construction. The agent also responds to any complaints of septic outbreak, odor, housing issues, trash, noise and any other issues that may pose a health risk. Pumping records are on file and are reviewed to avoid any health hazards.

The Health Department continues to offer the Loan Betterment Program. This program funds low interest loans thru the State of Ma., to residents, for the purpose of upgrading failed septic systems, this program is not intended for preparing a home to be sold or for businesses.

The Sharps Program is overseen by the West Bridgewater Fire Department. It is illegal and fines can be imposed if sharps or lancets are disposed of in the trash. Old and unused medications can be disposed of at the Police Station. This program ensures the residents of a proper place for disposal of medical waste.

The Health Department in conjunction with the Emergency Preparedness Coalition is responsible for preparing and overseeing plans to handle terrorist situations as well as epidemic and pandemic illnesses. Town residents interested in volunteering on this task force should contact the Board of Health @ 508-894-1209.

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The Health Dept. funds a contract with April Panos, RN. Blood pressure clinic is held on each Wednesday at the Council on Aging. Ms. Panos also follows up on communicable diseases reported in town.

Our Department continues to sponsor the rabies vaccination clinics held each year. This past April 30, 2016, a total of 121 animals were vaccinated. We thank Dr. Neil Andleman of Westbridge Veterinary Hospital for his donation of the vaccine and his assistance. Monies collected are donated to the Bridge Center courtesy of Dr. Andleman. This program has been a great success due to his attentive efforts.

Lyme's disease continues to be reported and we urge all residents to continue to take all precautions during the mosquito and tick seasons. We would like to remind the public that ticks are out all year long. Reducing exposure year-round, especially during peak season, can reduce the risk of contracting an infection from the blood-feeding parasites.

The numbers in infected mosquito's for West Nile and EEE were lower than the previous years. Aerial spraying was conducted by the Plymouth County Mosquito control who keeps track of the infected mosquito's in our area. Though the numbers were lower than previous years, we would like to remind everyone to take precautions. Please visit Mass.gov for further information on protecting yourself and pets.

The Zika Virus continues to be a concern. There is no vaccination or medicine to treat this disease. Zika virus spreads to people primarily through the bite of an infected Aedes species mosquito (Ae. aegypti and Ae. albopictus). Zika can also be passed through sex from a person who has Zika to his or her sex partners and it can be spread from a pregnant woman to her fetus. Reducing exposure especially during peak season, can reduce the risk of contracting and spreading this virus. More information can be found on the Center for Disease Control and prevention web site.

We would like to thank Town Departments, Boards and the Department of Environmental Protection as well as the Emergency Management Coalition for their cooperation and assistance. We thank the residents for giving us the opportunity to serve on the Board of Health and would encourage anyone with a concern to call our office.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Cruz, Chairman
Linda J. Simpson, Clerk
Brad Piesco, Member



TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

OFFICE OF BOARD OF HEALTH

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Report of the Animal Inspector

2017

Inspectors of Animals, Lans & Lee Anderson perform yearly inspections of the farms located here in West Bridgewater. The Bureau of Animal Health appoints municipal animal inspectors for each and every city and town in the Commonwealth. The primary duty of the Animal Inspector has recently become rabies control in the domestic animal population. Municipal Animal Inspectors are also responsible for barn/farm inspections, and may be called to assist with domestic animal disease quarantines, in the event of an outbreak.

The Inspector of Animals is responsible for quarantine of Animals that may be suspect of rabies. Rabies is a viral disease that can affect all mammals, including humans. The virus attacks the central nervous system and can be secreted in saliva. Because rabies affects people as well as animals, control of this disease has become a top priority for the Bureau of Animal Health. With the cooperation of the Department of Public Health and the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, every angle of potential rabies exposure gets covered in order to prevent further rabies infections.

We want to remind all our residents not to approach any animals. It is important to remind our children of the dangers of approaching not only wild animals but those domestic animals they are not familiar with. It is recommended that you keep a close eye on your domestic pets when out doors. If you suspect a rabid animal, please call the Health Department (508) 894-1209 or our local Police Department at (508) 586-2525.

The Inspectors of Animals report for this year 2017 shows the following amount of barn animals in West Bridgewater.

Donkey - 1	Chickens - 223	Waterfowl - 50
Horses - 108	Ponies - 14	Sheep - 14
Turkey - 510	Rabbits - 5	Goats - 16
Lamas - 1	Swine - 6	
Dairy - 35	Young - 11	Feeders - 8
Beef - 140		
Young - 44		

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To the residents of West Bridgewater, we, the members of the West Bridgewater Planning Board submit this Annual report of activities for the year 2017.

Twenty three (23) meetings were held on the first and third Wednesday of each month throughout the year. No special meetings were held. There were six (6) Form A plans approved. The Planning Board has approved and is presently monitoring fourteen (14) subdivisions which are under various stages of completion and released one completed subdivision. We are also monitoring several commercial projects which includes one (1) solar farm. The Board has held discussions on other possible residential and commercial projects. Three (3) site plans with special permits were approved and/or granted. Five (5) plans from the Zoning Board of Appeals were reviewed and recommendations made.

The Planning Board is working with other Town boards and State agencies regarding projects in the area of the center of Town, traffic reconfiguration, Lincoln and West Center Streets (multiple commercial sites) and the ongoing traffic concerns of the Town including those at the Market Basket. The Board is working very closely with the Zoning Board of Appeals on a major Chapter 40B project to be located off of Maple Street. All Board members have complied with the Anti-Harassment and Conflict of Interest regulations.

The Board held public hearings on proposed new bylaws and made their recommendations to Town Meeting voters. The Board has also met on proposed Commercial projects and continues to work on developing the Town's tax base through the proper use of property and the development of those properties.

The Planning Board would like to thank the Town Boards and departments for their help and cooperation throughout the year. In closing we would like to thank the residents of West Bridgewater for their interest in our town by attending our meetings. We invite participation at all meetings.

A special thank you to our secretary, Donna Cotter, for her great work.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh R. Hurley, Chairman
Howard A. Anderson, Vice Chairman
Gerald E. Stetson, Clerk
Anthony J. Kinahan, Member
James R. Noyes, Member
Donna M. Cotter, Recording Secretary



Town of West Bridgewater
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

We the Commissioners, of the West Bridgewater Water Department, respectfully submit our annual report for the year ending 2018.

During the year we pumped a total of 249,832,075 gallons of water. This was 19,622,627 gallons less than the previous year. The greatest amount pumped for any one day was 1,235,173 gallons which occurred on September 14, 2017. The largest month of usage was August pumping a total of 27,241,756 gallons. The largest seven day period began August 22, 2017 with 6,480,036 gallons being pumped. With 249,832,075 gallons of water being pumped, plus 1,135,177 gallons being purchased from Easton, a total of 250,967,252 gallons of water was used. This makes a daily average use of 687,581 gallons of water used.

Over the past year we added 14 new water services bringing our total number of services to 2743. We responded to 5 water main breaks. We fixed 6 bent curb stops.

We did our annual flushing program, and checked every hydrant for water, removed every port/cap, and lubricated them with food grade anti-seize. We replaced 10 older model hydrants, and repaired others during the years that were in our system. We will continue to update our hydrants as we find units that do not seem fit for service.

We finally finished our meter replacement program. We did this in house using our own personnel to save money. We would like to thank the residents for cooperating with us as we worked our way through this process.

We are continually updating our GIS system as new houses and developments are built. We continually share our data back and forth between the assessor's office, Board of Health, and DPW.

As required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Agency, 228 total coliform water samples plus another 45 various tests for other chemicals were performed as required by MassDEP.

We would like to thank the Water Department employees for making this another successful year. We would also like to thank the other groups in town for there much needed support that they gave to us when needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Water Commissioners: Rick Krugger, Chairman, Thomas Snell, Clerk, Donald Asack, Member



Town of West Bridgewater POLICE DEPARTMENT



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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater, as Chief of Police, I submit my annual report on the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 2017.

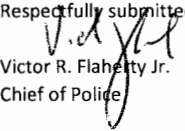
In 2017 the West Bridgewater Police Department has started its accreditation process. The process consists of two major components: (1) the establishment of a body of professional standards for police agencies to meet, and (2) a voluntary assessment process by which agencies can be publicly recognized for meeting those standards considered best practices for the profession.

The West Bridgewater Police Department responded to 11,952 calls for service in 2017 which is up 10 percent year to year. In 2017, unfortunately one of these calls for service was a murder investigation of one of our long time community members. This murder being only the third murder investigated in our community since the police department was formed on March 25, 1918.

The department continues its commitment to working with our residents on issues important to them and expanding its daily interaction with our community and partners. Additionally, in 2017, the department returned utilizing a dispatcher program terminated in 2001. This program will put in place civilian personnel in our dispatch center which will allow for more uniform officers on the streets and at community events. Having more police officers on the road is imperative as we have seen a steady increase in our calls to service over the past 10 years. We continue our commitment to our youth with officers teaching school room classes, conducting daily security checks, and having officers on bicycles patrolling our town fields, parks and trail ways. Our well known and respected K-9 Team of Officer Flaherty and Tazer continue to show their expertise and professionalism in 2017 by tracking and locating (12) individuals. Many of these individuals were lost, confused and unable to find their way home while others were being pursued by the police. There is no question in 2017 while performing their duties this K-9 Team saved lives.

In closing, my goal as your Chief of Police is to continue with our community involvement while having a positive impact on the town of West Bridgewater. Our police officers are extremely professional, trained and committed to "serve and protect" each and every citizen and visitor to our great community.

Respectfully submitted,


Victor R. Flaherty Jr.
Chief of Police



OFFICE OF
KENNETH J. MAY
CHIEF

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To The Honorable Board of Selectmen,

I herewith submit by first annual town report as Chief of the Fire Department for the calendar year 2017.

I first would like to take this opportunity and thank recently retired Fire Chief Leonard Hunt for his years of service both to the Town of West Bridgewater and to the Fire Dept. I wish you well in your well-earned retirement.

Personnel:

The personnel of the Fire Department consist of the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, 3 Lieutenants, 13 Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedics, 10 Call-Firefighters/Dispatchers, and a Fire Chaplain. 90% of the Full-Time staff are at the Paramedic level.

Apparatus:

Engine 1 – 2004 E-One Typhoon 1500 GPM Pumper, Engine 2 – 2013 E-One Typhoon 1500 GPM Pumper, Engine 3 – 1994 KME 1250 GPM Pumper, Ladder 1 – 1999 E-One 110' Aerial, Forest Fire 1 – 1986 Chevrolet (government surplus vehicle), Service Truck – 2006 Ford F350 pickup truck, Ambulance 1 – 2013/2010 Ford F450 Horton, Ambulance 2 – (Spare) 2004 Ford F450 Horton, Ambulance 3 – 2016 Ford F550 Horton, Shift Response Vehicle – 2013 Ford Taurus, Chief's Vehicle (Incident Command) 2008 Ford F350 pickup truck, Deputy Chief's Vehicle (retired police cruiser) 2008 Ford Crown Victoria, and a multi-purpose Kubota UTV equipped for rescue and wildland suppression.

Grant Funding:

We continue to apply and seek for all grant opportunities at the State and Federal level.

We are happy to announce we have been awarded \$6,123.00 to continue our Fire Safety initiatives throughout the town. This grant allows us to visit our schools and older adult communities in order to educate our population on fire safety topics. This grant is funded through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Statistical Report:

During 2017, the fire and emergency medical services of the department responded to a total of 2,401 calls for service. Of this, 1,326 were of emergency medical nature, while the remaining were fire department related incidents (1,075).

Training:

All new Full-Time personnel are required to attend the Massachusetts Fire Academy training program. All call personnel are required to attend either the Massachusetts Call/ Volunteer Academy or Plymouth Country Call Academy. We continue to put an emphasis on training and readiness, we regularly train on duty and off duty in order to prepare for the challenges ahead.

Request and Recommendations:

This year's capital budget requests are both important to the department moving forward and will ensure the safety of the firefighters and public. Firefighters wear this gear every single day when responding to calls. A firefighter's Personal Protective Equipment are their main protection from toxic gases and fluids. I would like to develop a program where we can start to recycle old, worn out PPE on a regular basis. This gear should never be older than 10 years, due to the fabric breaking down and not being capable of keeping firefighters safe from these dangerous threats. The end goal would be to have every firefighter have two sets of compliant gear in order to ensure their safety. This would go along with the departments policy of washing their PPE every time it gets contaminated out in the field.

I am requesting a new Incident Command vehicle to replace the current Chief's pickup truck. Right now the Chief's vehicle is a 2008 Ford F350 pickup truck. The new incident command vehicle would be a Ford Explorer, equipped with an all-band mobile radio that can handle everything we need to ensure proper communications and response. It will have an incident command function in the trunk, equipped with radios, maps, and chargers for portable radios. Incident command is necessary at all fire ground operations, utilizing this vehicle will immediately allow us to operate safely and more efficiently. The existing Chief's vehicle will be put to better use within the department.

I am also requesting funding for a new portable skid unit for our service truck. Currently we operate a 1986 Chevrolet military surplus vehicle as a forest fire. We have the service truck available that can take on the duties as the new wildland fire suppression vehicle. This skid unit would slide into the trucks bed and be mounted to it. The skid unit has a tank and pump attached to it for wildland and forest fire suppression. We already have the hose to be mounted on it and possibly a pump. This would allow us to retire the old military pickup truck that has reached its limit of service.

Plans for the future include possibly combining police and fire department dispatching. There are times when call volume dictates we empty the station in order to respond to calls. This leaves no one left in the fire station to answer phone calls or radio communications from firefighters that are working out in the field. This can and has created dangerous situations when assistance is

required from off duty personnel and other agencies, because there is no one to talk to at the station. Having a dispatch center would alleviate this issue in its entirety.

We are in the process at the moment of putting together a grant application for a new vehicle exhaust system in the garage of the fire station. With the alarming trends of firefighters being stricken with cancer on the rise, the fire department garage is in need of a system that can safely evacuate all diesel and motor vehicle exhaust fumes. This grant application will be open sometime at the end of the year.

I would also like to publicly thank the members of the department for their continued service and also thank the Board of Selectmen's office for their continued support of this department and its mission of protecting the citizens of West Bridgewater. As your Chief I look forward to equipping and preparing this fire department for the future, to ensure the safety of the firefighters and the citizens of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted

Kenneth J. May, Chief



Town of West Bridgewater

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Building Commissioner

Zoning Enforcement Officer

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**To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater;
as Building Commissioner, I submit our 2017 Annual Report.**

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

21 Dwellings	\$3,946,500.00
5 Mfg. Home	\$75,500.00
22 Additions, Alterations	\$573,845.00
149 Incidental Construction	\$1,601,186.90
8 Swimming Pools	\$123,557.00
26 Mechanical-Sheet Metal	\$60,495.00
9 Zoning	\$ -
	<u>\$ 6,381,083.90</u>

COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION

1 New Buildings	\$ 117,000.00
3 Additions, Alterations	\$ 1,412,500.00
25 Incidental Construction	\$ 559,344.36
17 Signs & Billboards	\$ 55,010.00
8 Demolitions	\$ 10,000.00
	<u>\$ 2,153,854.36</u>

CONSTRUCTION VALUE TOTAL

\$8,534,938.26

360 Fees collected and deposited to the general fund	97,391.16
180 Fees collected on Plumbing/Gas Permits	20,370.00
240 Fees collected on Electrical Permits	\$ 17,717.00
Total Fees	<u>\$ 135,478.16</u>

In closing, I want to sincerely thank my Administrative Assistant Karen Lavin; Inspector of Wiring, David Bentley and Inspector of Plumbing & Gas, John Cruz for their continued effort and dedication.



TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

OFFICE OF BOARD OF APPEALS

WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA 02379

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater, The Zoning Board of Appeals is governed by Chapter 40A, as amended, and the Town of West Bridgewater Zoning By-Laws. Public hearings were held in the Town Hall Conference Room and were scheduled as hearing applications were received. Applications for appeals are available from the Town Clerks office.

During 2017, the Board of Appeals held 16 Public Hearings. Results of these hearings are as follows:

Special Permits granted	5
Special Permits denied	1
Special Permit Amended	2
Variances granted	3
Variances denied	0
Appeal decision of Building Inspector upheld	1

The Board of Appeals would like to thank all town officials, as well as all town departments for their cooperation and continued assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

William Lucini, Chairman
James Henderson, Vice Chairman
Thomas Snell
Keith Porges, Clerk
Walter Thayer
Bruce Holmquist, Alternate 1
Gayle Cipitelli, Alternate 2

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

As your Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of West Bridgewater I offer the following report. According to my records there are over 176 measuring devices in the town. Among them are gasoline and diesel pumps, spring water dispensers, supermarket scales, postal scales, loading dock scales and truck scales. It has been a very interesting job going about the town and learning about the variety of interesting businesses in town. These will all be examined again during 2018 along with any additional devices brought on line.

I make myself available for concerns of residents, directly through a call to the town's telephone system or by calling my number on the inspections label. I look forward to serving the Town of West Bridgewater for the coming year.

If shoppers in retail stores feel that they were charged more than the posted price they should bring it to the attention of the clerk or store manager. The state law concerning errors is posted at each register. Again, I can be contacted through the Selectmen's office or by calling the number on the label on the device, 508-697-0904.

Respectfully submitted

David R. Moore

Sealer of Weights and Measures



COUNCIL ON AGING

2017 Annual Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectman & Residents of the Town of West Bridgewater:
As Director of Elder Services, I submit this Annual Report of the Council on Aging for the year ending
December 31, 2017.

	Participants
Senior Tax Work-off Program	37
(Senior & non-Senior Listed Below)	
Fuel Assist. Applicants	47
Food Stamp Applicants	44
Outreach Case Management/Advocacy	194
Outreach Contacts & Client Find	414
Serving Health Information Needs of Elders	305
Outreach Client Referrals	26
Tax Preparation	48

	Participants (Duplicated)
Congregate Meals Served	7,754
Health Screening	455
Supportive Care Clients	806
Dial A Bat Trips	1,240
COA Shuttle Client Trips	3,269
Home Delivered Meals on Wheels	3,797
Recreational Trips ~ 39 Day Trips	316
Line Dancing Program	450
Bridge Club	697
Tai Chi	324
Mah Jongg	486
Movies	70
Instructional Courses:	
Swedish Weaving /Pins & Needles	635
Arts & Crafts:	
Crafts/Paint Class	48
Health & Nutrition(Weight Watchers)	1,941
Zumba Gold	1,400
Strength & Fitness Class	642
Walking Club	178
Special events ~ 9	709
Education & Senior Outreach Programs ~ 7	760
Intergenerational Programs ~ 7	340

Thank you,
Marilyn Mather
Director of Elder Services



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Christopher D. Iannitelli
Director of Public Works

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Residents of West Bridgewater, I respectfully submit my first Department of Public Works annual report for 2017.

In October of this past year the Forestry, Highway, and Vehicle Maintenance departments were merged. We have combined the resources and man power of the three departments to better serve the Town. With the wisdom of my new assistant director, Shawn Anderson, we have combined, over 50 years of experience working for the community in public works.

We have begun to map a course to create a DPW that meets the needs of a fast growing and ever changing town. We need to search for new sources of funding for projects. A constant watch for available grants from both state and federal programs. We will work to create a more efficient work force. We can always strive for better use of time and talent.

Projects currently in progress

Rehabilitation of the War Memorial Park.
Clearing of streams by Plymouth County Mosquito Control.
Rehabilitation of our Town owned Cemeteries.
Ongoing pavement projects with CH90 monies.
Crack sealing, drainage and basin repair.
Hazardous Tree Removal/ Trimming
Tree replacement program for residents.
Summer Gazebo Concerts
Friendship Park Playground Concerts
Property maintenance of all town owned properties
Snow and ice removal
Sports field maintenance.
Roadside brush, mowing and trash cleanup
Street sweeping
Tree City USA recipient.
Purchase of two 2018 Dump Trucks.
Fleet maintenance and repair of all town vehicles and equipment

As we go through the growing pains of transition, every day is a challenge to improve. We welcome input from our residents and coworkers and thank all who have guided us and are there on a daily basis to help us succeed.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Iannitelli".

Christopher D. Iannitelli
DPW Director
Tree Warden



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Ed Sarro
Network Administrator

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Residents of West Bridgewater:

The Office of the Network Administrator oversees all aspects of the Computer Network. All of the town departments including Police, Fire, Water, Town Hall, Schools, Council on Aging and Public Library are members of the computer network. The incorporation of all departments into the network has made for efficient and cost effective management of the network. The core of the network is located at the High School and it is connected to all of the other town buildings via fiber optic cable. The only town building that is not connected by fiber optic is the Water Department; it is connected to the rest of the town by a virtual private network provided by Comcast.

The Town's computer network is supported by Hub Technical Services. As part of our agreement with Hub, the network is monitored twenty-four hours a day. This monitoring system will enable engineers to deal with network failures when they may occur. This will minimize any network interruptions.

In conjunction with Hub Technical, we continually evaluate our network to make improvements and upgrades. This will help us with our long range planning from a budgetary standpoint and keep the network running efficiently.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Sarro
Network Administrator



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2017 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT OF THE CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Cable Advisory Committee is in charge of making decisions related to PEG Access in the town of West Bridgewater. PEG Access is the local television programming for the Public, Education, and Government in town.

The Cable Advisory Committee was put back into action in 2007 with the responsibility of negotiating a new contract between the Town and Comcast Cable. This contract would not only allow for more funds to be put into PEG Access, but would also set the table for a fair relationship in regard to cable channel selection and rates with Comcast Cable. The contract is available for residents to review at Town Hall.

With these funds, the Committee is continuing its efforts to improve Public Access Television in the Town of West Bridgewater. Established in 2009 West Bridgewater Community Access Television or WBCAT for short operates out of the West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School. The studio has 5 rooms including a classroom/studio set with mobile tables, two portable green screens and curtain tracks for quick setup. There is also an editing lab, storage room, office space and control room. This space provides a more professional television studio setting for staff, students and community members who wish to utilize this space for television production.

WBCAT is setup for production in multiple outlets within both the town hall and high school. Inside the West Bridgewater town hall there are two rooms which are setup for coverage of municipal meetings. One setup is in the Selectmen's meeting room which covers Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee meetings, while the other is setup downstairs in the McDonnell/Brown Conference room. Inside the West Bridgewater middle/senior high school, multiple data plugins provide a video connection back into the control room using fiber optic cables. This allows for staff, students and volunteers to film events throughout the school with minimal setup and quick turnover rate for broadcast. These spots include the gymnasium, auditorium, cafeteria and library and have been used to film school committee meetings, sporting events, drama and music performances, presentations and town meetings.

West Bridgewater Community Access Television airs its content on two channels provided by Comcast Cable. For programming related to the town including Government Meetings, Public Access and town events can be found on West Bridgewater Television (WBTV) Channel 09. This year WBTV produced over hundred hours of content including Summer Concerts at the Gazebo, WB Public Library events, WB Youth Football Association 2017 fall games, as well as lectures from the First Church of West Bridgewater and Old Bridgewater Historical Society. Members like Tim Churchill and Town Administrator David Gagne have continued to produced their shows inside our studio. WBTV also provides coverage of the towns regularly scheduled municipal meetings including, Board of Selectmen,

School Committee, Conservation Commission, Finance Committee as well as annual broadcasts of town meetings, town public forums, candidates night and town election.

Channel 98 the Education Channel or WildCat Television (WCTV) continues to create original programming relevant to the West Bridgewater school district. Within the studio layout, coverage of school sports increased including football, boys and girls basketball and soccer, field hockey and in 2017 volleyball was included on WCTV sports coverage. For creative arts WCTV covered the Spring Drama performance of "Bye Bye Birdie", the music departments winter cabaret "Totally 80's" and the spring and winter concerts from both Howard Elementary and the high school. Superintendent of schools Dr. Patricia Oakley has continued to produce her show "Superintendent Spotlight" highlighting different areas of focus on the West Bridgewater Public School District. The high school television teacher Scott Cray continues to engage students with his three TV classes that features student produced gameshows, documentaries and the daily morning announcement news program, hosted and produced by the school's students.

In 2017 the West Bridgewater Cable Committee had a restructuring of its board. In October the board welcomed Zack Gorman on as cable committee member to fill a vacated seat left open by Robert Beavis since his departure off the board at the end of Fiscal Year 2016. Also in October cable committee member Steve Currier left the committee due to time constraints with another organization and Cable Board Chairman Jason Daniels moved out of West Bridgewater, therefore vacating his seat on the committee. Zack Gorman was nominated as the new cable committee chair and was voted unanimously on the October 11th meeting. By the early November the Cable Advisory Committee had brought on two new members Mark Churchill and Stephanie Churchill, father and sister to WBCAT member Tim Churchill. By the end of 2017 WBCAT began the process of hiring part time Access Coordinator to help facilitate some of the productions at West Bridgewater Community Access Television.

The Committee is looking forward to another year with a more robust studio setup we look to provide more opportunities for the community to be involved with WBCAT. With our new facility we are planning on providing classes to residents and members on video production, editing and more. We look forward to improving our stations video signal in the near future with a switch over from coaxial cable to fiber optic. In 2018 WBCAT will begin talks with Comcast on renewing its cable contract for the next ten years. WBCAT plans to increase its municipal meeting coverage and plan on broadcasting its meetings live in the near future. Finally, our mission As a public access television station, we are a valuable first amendment resource to all members of the community. WBCAT is dedicated to producing community programming to provide a forum for the free exchange of information and ideas. We aim to serve the community as an integrated media and technology education facility

Respectfully submitted,
Benjamin Smith
West Bridgewater Community Access Television Station Manager

**Town of West Bridgewater
Department of Conservation, Preservation & Recreation**

2017 DCPR Report

Ten years ago the Board of Selectmen created the *Department of Conservation, Preservation & Recreation* (DCPR) as an informal 'think-tank' of autonomous volunteer committees charged with implementing the town's *Open Space & Recreation Plan*. DCPR includes the Agricultural Commission, Community Preservation Committee, Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, Open Space Committee, and the Bridgewater / West Bridgewater Town River Fishery Committee.

DCPR meets quarterly with committee representatives, town staff, and community stakeholders in order to share information and resources, update each other regarding committee challenges, and to collaborate on projects identified in the Open Space Plan. According to Selectman Lawrence, other communities envy this collaborative and the way that it's communication has united volunteers and municipal staff.

DCPR fosters the establishment of a sustainable *Nunckatessett Greenway* -- that network of land & water trails connecting the Town River and Bay Circuit Trail - in order to preserve them as natural, recreational, educational, social, and economical resources; an *Outdoor Classroom* for our local school system. *Nunckatessett* means *Our Place of Wolves in the Woods* in the Algonquin language; Old Bridgewater Historical Society records refer to the down-town West Bridgewater area as the *Nunckatessett Region*.

The *Appalachian Mountain Club* and *The Trustees of Reservations* joined with the Bay Circuit Alliance, lending their combined 200+ years of conservation and natural resource expertise to maintain the Bay Circuit Trail, 15 - miles of which travel through the three Bridgewater towns. Managed in harmony with the BCT, the Nunckatessett Greenway's regional presence triggers eligibility to a broader grant- funding opportunity, and is more attractive to corporate sponsorship than one committee would be by itself.

With the Open Space Committee taking the lead and Bridgewater State University Intern Anthony Hebert coordinating effort, DCPR is updating the town's *Open Space & Recreation Plan*, a task that must be done every seven years in order to qualify for various state grants. DCPR also hosted its 2nd River Walk event, continued design work at the new town - owned Pratt's Landing, and installed new signage on the Esther Drive Trail in 2017.

DCPR is following the ongoing Town River / High Street Dam Study by Mass DF & W Division Marine Fisheries, which will soon make recommendations to the private dam owner regarding future repair or removal of that dam. Removing the dam could change the existing riparian area along Ash Street, and along the town- owned River Bend Country Club. DCPR is also tracking efforts by Dept Marine Fisheries and WB Forestry Department to upgrade the Fish Ladder in War Memorial Park.

DCPR is staffed through the conservation office with the commission secretary serving as coordinator. Conservation Agent John Delano represents DCPR committees on the Nunckatessett Greenway Project.

Respectfully submitted,
Kitty Doherty, DCPR Coordinator



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2017 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Agricultural Commission hereby submits its Annual Town Report.

Food is necessary for life. The quality of food that humans eat has much to do with the quality of the life they lead. Our Town of West Bridgewater in the pages of written history as the first inland settlement of the Plymouth Bay colony and before when only the native Woodland Indians lived here has been a place where food is grown. Our fields and forests benefit the town in ways beyond supplying good food. Our local farmers who are caring for their fields manage land that contributes more to us than is taken. A crop field sends no children to school, hardly needs a police or fire department and no extra street plowing or other services provided at the expense of tax payers. Land that is not developed benefits us all simply by absorbing and diluting the pollutants humans make as they live in our current style and standard of health and comfort.

The West Bridgewater Agricultural Commission has cosponsored a Farmers Market that has included information sessions on food preparation and flower growing. Your commissioners have attended workshops to stay abreast of the best ways and means of keeping our farms growing good food and saving our fields and forests from the urban sprawl that has taken so much of them from us. They will not be seen again in our life.

The West Bridgewater Agricultural Commission holds open meetings where anyone is welcome to bring any matters and questions to the commissioners' attention.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Howard
Chairman

Report for the Community Preservation Committee

Since its inception in 2008, the Community Preservation Act (CPA) has become an integral part of the workings of the Town of West Bridgewater as it pertains to the preservation projects in the areas of open space, creation of recreational spaces, community housing and historic preservation.

The CPC members have reviewed and approved the following applications for presentation at Town Meeting:

- Annie Iannitelli, Town Clerk, \$15,000 to continue the work of preserving the local town vital records;
- The West Bridgewater Board of Assessors, \$10,000 to continue preserving permanent records of the Assessors Valuation Books;
- DPW and Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries , \$25,000 for War Memorial Park Fish Passage Improvement Study;
- DPW, \$125,000 for Phase 4 repair and restoration of stonework at War Memorial Park; and
- The Old Bridgewater Historical Society (OBHS) has submitted an application requesting \$20,000 for building and document preservation assessment studies at the OBHS building and the Keith House.

Warrant articles have been prepared for each of these projects for presentation to town residents and voting at Town meeting in June 2018.

As always, the CPC will strive to be a catalyst for future projects via funding, utilize community goals previously set forth in other public documents such as the Master Plan and Updated Open Space Plan which have received wide scrutiny and public input, will attempt to meet multiple community preservation goals in each project and communicate its mission and goals to the general public.

April 2018

Members:

Cheryl Cambria
Chris Iannitelli
Joan McAndrew
Jack Connolly
John Cruz
Tony Kinahan
Warren Turner
Steve McCarthy
James Henderson

Report of the Conservation Commission for 2017

Housed in the *Department Conservation, Preservation & Recreation* (DCPR), the conservation commission is comprised of five volunteer members and two alternate members appointed by the selectmen. Its primary **Purpose** is to uphold and protect the interests of the Wetland Protection Act, the Rivers Protection Act, the town's Wetland Protection Bylaws, and the Stormwater Management Bylaw & Rules.

Part-time staff maintains the office Monday - Thursday, and express appreciation to Dorna Bevis who volunteered under the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program.

The commission met twice monthly, and held one meeting in July; they monitored wetland restorations, conducted wetland investigations, engaged 53 G consultants, discussed 61A first refusal applications, flood plain and land acquisition issues, stormwater management policy, the Model Airplane Field Lease Agreement, and design plans for Pratt's Landing. They set Policies for Filing Electronic Copy, set pre-meeting deadlines for Requesting Public Hearing continuances, negotiated Conservation Easements, facilitated new or continued public hearings, and issued Orders of Conditions, Amended Orders of Conditions, Certificates of Compliance, Orders of Resource Delineation, and Enforcement Orders.

The commission participated in the Community Park Day at War Memorial Park, in the second Riverwalk along River Street, and also facilitated an *Environmental Scavenger Hunt* with the 1st – 3rd grades at Rose MacDonald School.

The commission discussed the study by state officials regarding possible removal of the privately-owned High Street Dam on the Town River at the Bridgewater line which might change the vista, habitat, and recreational potential upstream along a short portion of Ash Street in West Bridgewater.

Commissioners and staff work within the town's DCPR in order to fulfill the second part of its **Mission** - preserving Open Space and fostering proper use of our natural resources for the benefit of all residents.

Several properties under the commission's jurisdiction, including Holmes Hill and Reynold's Landing, provided a venue for scouting programs and public school classes - part of the town's *Outdoor Classroom* objective. The commission collaborates with the Wild & Scenic Taunton River Stewardship Council and their partners in order to establish a *sustainable*, diverse network of land and water trails connecting to the Town River and Bay Circuit Trail, known as the *Nunckatessett Greenway*.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Tim Hay,

Vice Chairman Lee Anderson

Members Maurice McCarthy, Steve Winters and Ryan Byrnes

Alternate Member Paula Bethoney,

Agent John DeLano

Secretary Kitty Doherty

West Bridgewater Historical Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The West Bridgewater Historical Commission is pleased to report that the past year has been an extremely productive and busy year. Our new Town Museum had its first full year of operation with many informative and educational displays of our town's long history for residents both current and former to view, discuss and reminisce about. We have been very happy with the various donations of historical items pertaining to our history that have been made to the museum.

We had the honor of presenting the Boston Post Cane to Lois Hamel as the town's oldest resident and unfortunately Lois passed away as this report was being prepared. Additionally, through working with Town Administrator David Gagne and the Mass DOT, we were able to procure the "date stone" from the Alger bridge on Route 106 and have it displayed in the museum. We also moved a section of the door arch from Howard High School from Howard School property to the museum where it will become the centerpiece of a Howard High exhibit. We want to thank School Superintendent Oakley, the Board of selectmen and the DPW for making this move possible.

During the year we also received several historical items from the public library. Library Director Ellen Snoeyenbos determined that these items were better displayed in the museum than in the library. With the Charlie Horse restaurant closing and re-opening as Barrett's our chairman, Jim Benson worked closely with their interior designer in choosing and providing vintage photos of West Bridgewater to be displayed in the hallway and function area of the remodeled restaurant. We thank Barrett's for a generous gift to the museum's donation account.

We also want to extend out thanks to Marilyn Mather and the Council on Aging for giving us ad space in the *Capen Caller* newsletter for promoting the museum and its hours. We encourage residents, former residents and friends to stop by the museum and if they have items of town history that they would like to loan or donate to please contact us. We hope to operate the museum between April and October at least twice monthly. Hours will be posted on the town website, Facebook and our sign will be out in front of the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

James Benson, Chairman

Robert Bevis, Vice Chairman,

Thomas McAndrew, Secretary

Jonathan Ames II, Dorna Bevis, Joan McAndrew, Christine Newman, Members



WEST BRIDGEWATER OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

2017 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Staff: John Delano, Conservation Agent; Chairpersons -Mary Wynne-Yee (current), Matt Penella (June, 2017); Vice Chairperson, Adam Anderson; Members: Howard Hayward, Jack Ames, Donna Connerty, Janice O'Brien, Chris Ianitelli, Cheryl Cambria, Megan Beyers, Mike Curtin, Jr. (June, 2017); Alternates: Sarah Anderson

The West Bridgewater Open Space and Recreation Committee (WBOSRC) is a committee of volunteers that meets monthly under the direction of the Conservation Agent dedicated to identifying and preserving town lands that are of significant value to our community. We look to increase opportunities for passive use and recreation such as hiking, biking, kayaking, and exploring nature; to preserve scenic, historical and agricultural landscapes that have come to exemplify our town; and to protect important ecological systems that assure quality water supply, and conservation of undisturbed habitat for native wildlife and plants.

At its core, the preservation of open space is about quality of life in our town and for our residents. Many people move to West Bridgewater because it is a 'small town' that is within easy reach of the city. The question for us is how to preserve our small town character and features amid mounting pressures to develop, both residentially and commercially. We are all impacted by changes to our landscape, and as we know too well, once a feature is gone, there is no turning back the clock. Protecting a variety of open spaces in the public trust is a critical and long lasting investment in maintaining the status of West Bridgewater as an attractive and desirable place to move to or invest in, well into the future.

In light of this, a main goal of the committee has been to promote the town's open spaces, to get the word out about our many great places –Reynold's Landing, Beaverton Woods, Pratt's Landing, Holmes Hill, and the Rail Trail, just to name a few. By highlighting the properties with signage, trail clearing, and exploration, while increasing the committee's visibility through contacts, activities and social media, we aim to build a constituency that is informed, caring and committed to preserving the signature places that make West Bridgewater the special place that it is in the world.

Some of the efforts undertaken by the Open Space Committee over the past year include conducting a survey of residents regarding open space priorities and interests, supporting land acquisition proposals when these opportunities present themselves, trail and site clearings and partnering with local groups. Some highlights include

River Walk 2017 On the first Sunday in June, the committee held it 2nd River Walk event. The committee received permission from the Board of Selectmen and Police Department to have River Street closed for the day so that residents can safely walk, run and bike from the Town Park to the end of River Street at South Elm Street. The closing of River Street allows residents to enjoy an open space bonanza -the beauty of the Town River, the scenic vistas of farmland

abutting the river, an opportunity to explore the trails of Beaverton Woods; take in the operation of three working farms and an organic garden along the route, the historic collection at the Old Bridgewater Historical Society building and the splendor of the historic Keith House, the beauty of the horses at a marvelous stable and the hospitality of the families who set up various tables offering beverages and snacks along the way. It was a beautiful day along the river and the talent of the musicians at the Park added to the festive atmosphere. The event was well received, and the committee is already working on River Walk 2018! **Park Day** In September, the committee sponsored a booth at the Annual West Bridgewater Park Day. During this event we were able to reach out to locals through our maps and table exhibits to highlight the various activities of the committee.

Partnering: The Nunkatasset Greenway Project The WBOSRC has been an active participant in various activities related to the Nunkatasset Greenway Project, a proposed network of land and water trails connecting to the Town River and Bay Circuit Trail in West Bridgewater and Bridgewater. Members of the committee attended the Annual Nunkatasset Greenway Rally at Bridgewater State University. The WBOSRC is also represented at quarterly meetings of the **Department of Conservation, Preservation and Recreation (DCPR)**. The DCPR is a forum for all town conservation and preservation commissions, boards, groups and committees to keep each other up-to-date for a more coordinated approach to communication and planning of each other's activities. Additionally, we coordinated with the **West Bridgewater Public Library** to bring to a concert celebration of Henry David Thoreau's 200th birthday to town at the newly acquired Pratt's Landing site on the banks of the Town River. We also sponsored scavenger hunts at the **Rose L. McDonald Elementary School** and partnered with the **Massachusetts Cultural Council**, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and as well as other youth groups.

Looking ahead, the Committee is in the process of updating the *West Bridgewater Open Space and Recreation Plan*. The Plan aims to provide a logical model for planning future open space. It can be used as a guide and a point of reference to assist town leaders and residents in making informed decisions about growth and development in a manner that preserves the town's rural character and protects its natural resources. It is our hope that all town entities would use it as a resource to inform their decisions.

The committee is also eager to establish a 'corps of conservation volunteers' to assist the committee in managing, improving, and caring for the various conservation lands in town. One facet of this is exploring our existing Conservation Parcels and passing along descriptive information that would allow the Committee to update data sheets. Any interested residents should contact the Committee for more information. The West Bridgewater town website is the best place to find the Committee's contact information. (<http://www.westbridgewaterma.org>)

In closing, the WBOSRC is very grateful for the support of the town's Board of Selectmen, town departments, the hard working volunteers of the committee and town residents that make possible our activities and any achievements.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Wynne-Yee, Chairperson

Town River Fisheries Committee

2017 Annual Report

The joint Town River Fishery Committee (TRFC) was established in 1994 by the towns of West Bridgewater and Bridgewater in order to protect and restore the diadromous river herring population which is a historic natural resource of the Town River. Whereas the Town River is a major tributary to the Taunton River, the formation of the TRFC facilitates the stated goals of the local *Open Space and Recreation Plans* and the *Wild and Scenic Taunton River Stewardship Council*. The TRFC is a sub-department of Parks and Recreation in the Town of Bridgewater and is under the Department of Conservation, Preservation and Recreation in the Town of West Bridgewater.

By statute, the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) is responsible for securing the safe and efficient passage of diadromous fish such as river herring. The DMF works cooperatively with communities in the discharge of their stewardship of this fishery. The DMF offers legal, technical, and substantive support to the fishery committees of these communities in order to achieve the goal of maintaining this fishery. In 2006, the National Marine Fisheries Service designated both Alewives and Blueback herring as species of special concern. Subsequently, DMF banned the harvest and possession of river herring until further notice and established the *Diadromous Fish Project* to facilitate the recovery of this fishery.

In compliance with the DMF's *Operations and Management Plan for Herring in the Town River*, the TRFC continues to oversee the operation, maintenance, and repair of the fishways at both the Bridgewater High Street Iron Works and the West Bridgewater War Memorial Park sites on an annual basis. During the spring run, a fish counter is installed and maintained at the High Street Iron Works fish ladder. Water levels at both locations are monitored and measured throughout the year to insure the unobstructed upstream passage of adult herring in the spring and downstream passage of juvenile herring in the fall. In addition, with authorization of the respective Conservation Commissions of both towns, potential obstructions to fish passage in the river itself are monitored and removed as warranted.

The TRFC is pleased to report that the fish counter recorded the passage of 10,450 herring at the High Street Iron Works site during the spring run of 2017. This represented a significant increase of 6850 (+190%) over the previous year. The increase in the count may have been, in part, due to the repair of the fishway diverter dam during the low water Summer months by members of the TRFC.

Due to the general deterioration of the aging Iron Works dam and fishway, the DMF and the TRFC, in cooperation with the dam's owner, has begun to investigate the possibility of the dam's repair or removal. An impact study of the flood risks associated with dam failure, environmental concerns and prospects for unimpeded fish passage is currently underway.

Respectively Submitted, Rick Benton, Secretary Hank Estabrook, Chairman

TRFC members: Skip Copeland, John Cruz, Bob Hanson, Don MacDonald, Jim Sniger, Jim Souza.



TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

OFFICE OF

VETERAN'S SERVICES

2017 Annual Report of the Veterans' Services Officer

The department continues to provide information, guidance and assistance to veterans' and families of veterans'. The 2017 Census shows 452 veterans in West Bridgewater. The veteran's that are receiving Chp. 115 Cash Assistance/Medical Insurance benefits are to remain long term recipients. We have acquired one additional recipient and have two cases pending. Total benefits paid for FY' 18 are \$21,147.60. \$15,860.70 (75%) will be reimbursed by Department of Veterans Services.

As last year, this year's business has increased significantly due to the struggling economy. The actions that have been taken include annuities, awards & medals, burial information, Chapter 115 benefits, education benefits, elder services, employment, flags and markers, housing, medical assistance, pensions, DD-214's, welcome home bonus, GI bill benefits, VA disabilities, home loan applications, VA disability applications, request military records, aid and attendance, and referrals.

We have had several interviews with veteran's inquiring about cash assistance benefits however the majority haven't met the income guidelines or have not returned the application. At this point we refer them to the appropriate agency for potential Food Stamps, fuel assistance, Mass Health, SSI, VA Hospital, etc.

We are active members of the Massachusetts Veterans Service Officers Association (MVSOA) and the Southeastern Massachusetts Service Officers Association (SMVSOA) and attend all meetings to keep abreast of current Directives, changes in income guidelines and political issues that might affect Veterans' Services. I have attended the yearly one week training conference given by the Department of Veteran's Services.

Respectively submitted,

Walter Thayer
Veterans' Services Officer



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Dear Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater

ADA Compliance Committee Annual Report for 2017

The Board Members of the ADA compliance committee have worked diligently over the past year to comply with the regulations set forth by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts regarding persons with disabilities in the Town of West Bridgewater. Meetings are held at the Town Hall small conference room starting at 2 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month excluding July, August and December. Unscheduled meetings are held as needed.

The Board Members:

Name	Title	Term
Diane Perry	Chairperson	2018
Joan Shea	Member	2018
Marilyn Raleigh	Treasurer	2020
Denise Lewis	Vice Chairperson	2019
Maria Baker	Member	2019
Brenda Capiello	Alt Member	2018

Contact: Eldon Moreira, Selectman, Town of West Bridgewater Tel: 508-894-1267

The mission of this board is to be an advocate for the rights and general welfare of persons with disabilities in order that both town-owned and private facilities are accessible to them. Our monthly minutes are available on the Town Website.

During 2017 members of the committee continued to serve as ADA representatives to other committees in town. At regular meetings the committee reviewed notices from the AAB regarding privately owned facilities and visited locations where citizens had expressed concerns about appropriate access. The ADA committee hosted a Community Access Monitor workshop along with Randolph ADA in conjunction with the Massachusetts Office of Disabilities. This was a two day workshop held on September 26th and 27th at Saint Ann's Church, Parish Hall. Jeffrey Dougan from the MOD taught the workshop and at the end attendees received a Certification in Community Access Monitoring. Over 40 people attended this workshop including: West Bridgewater School Department Representative and the Building Inspector, many other representatives from different Massachusetts towns and cities attended.

Respectfully, submitted
Joan Shea, Current Chairperson ADA
Diane Perry, Member ADA



SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP

Moira Rouse, Regional Administrator

The Town of West Bridgewater receives procurement and other services from the Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) and has since the organization's inception in 1993. SERSG serves two cities and nineteen towns with one Regional Administrator. Annual dues of \$4,100 support these services. This amount is recovered by devoting less time to procurement and from savings in using these contracts. Other services include contract administration and annual trainings.

SERSG administered bids and created new contracts on behalf of the Town for office supplies, paper, public works supplies, water and sewer treatment chemicals, public works services, and drug and alcohol testing services.

- The new two-year office supply contract provides a 71.4% discount off non-excluded items using a standard wholesaler's catalog, and a 46.4% discount off ink and toner cartridges. In 2017 West Bridgewater saved \$36,649 off office supply purchases.
- The Town and schools also pay competitive fixed prices for paper using a SERSG contract. West Bridgewater spent \$14,001 using this contract in 2017.
- SERSG administered bids for DPW Supplies and Water and Sewer Treatment Chemicals. This resulted in 14 contracts to buy 30 items. The estimated value of these is \$227,872.
- New DPW Service contracts will take effect on 2/1/18. There are 9 contracts for 11 services. These were based on West Bridgewater's estimated need valued at \$304,906.
- A bid for federally-required drug and alcohol testing was administered and a contract established during the year. It will remain in effect for three years and provide West Bridgewater with all necessary services.

Favorable pricing is a significant membership benefit. Additionally, every SERSG bid saves West Bridgewater many hours of skilled staff time and hundreds of dollars in bid-advertising and other costs. SERSG contract pricing is equal to or lower than state contract prices and requires less time and effort for departments to use.

In 2017 SERSG re-branded itself with a new logo. This is part of a new outreach effort to neighboring communities to invite new members. One new member joined in 2017. Our goal is to expand membership for mutual benefit.

Finally, monthly meetings continue for municipal administration, public works, and stormwater specialists. To support the Town of West Bridgewater with regional collaboration.



REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater.

As your representative to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2017.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the seventeen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce for the coordination of regional economic development activities; an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning, grant application preparation and current local and regional socioeconomic information.

During the past year, the Council completed the FFY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the 2017 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan; the Brockton Area Transit - Aging in Place Report; the FFY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); and provided numerous Road Safety Audits, Intersection Analyses, and Transportation Technical Studies to the member communities. The Council also provided technical assistance to member communities under the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program. The DLTA funding was used in such areas as regionalization, including aggregation of electricity, the investigation of regional water and wastewater, as well as conducting a number of land use analyses, neighborhood economic, housing production plans, community compact and transportation analyses. The Council also provided assistance to the town of Plymouth on the decommissioning of the nuclear power plant, assistance to municipalities in the development of business associations and site finders, green communities designation and provided a variety of economic development technical assistance. The Old Colony Area Agency on Aging (AAA) during the past year, with assistance and guidance from member community advisory committee members, has continued the ongoing administration of over \$1.4 million dollars of Federal and State funding for elder services. The OCPC-AAA administers and oversees funding for services like transportation, homecare, legal services, nutrition, and others to the more than 97,000 persons' age 60 and over in the region. In addition, we completed the FFY 2016 Need Assessment and FFY 2018-2022 Area Plan on Aging. The OCPC-AAA continues to advocate on behalf of older persons from throughout the region. The OCPC-AAA Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program continues its efforts, with over 1,300 visits to nursing and rest homes, investigating over 320 issues of concern from residents or families. In Addition, OCPC continues to administer the Septic Loan Program for the Towns of Avon, Cohasset, Hanson, Kingston and Stoughton. During 2017, the Council processed approximately \$142,000 in loans for both septic systems and sewer connection for the communities under the Septic Loan Program.

One delegate and one alternate member represent each member community of the Council. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2017, the Council elected Frank P. Staffier, of Avon as Council President; Christine Joy, of Plympton as Council Treasurer; and, Fred L. Gilmetti, of Whitman as Council Secretary. Pasquale Ciamarella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to the Joint Transportation Committee Chair Noreen O'Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Chair Mary Waldron; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Chair Anna Seery for their commitment, dedication and leadership during the past year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Eldon F. Moreira, Delegate
Troy E. Garron, Delegate At Large

REPORT OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2017.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the town of Cohasset. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2017 season began with normal amounts of precipitation but became drier as the season progressed. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. The Project ground and aerial larvicided 15,032 acres and this was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on June 5, 2017 and ended on September 8, 2017. The Project responded to 14,209 requests for spraying and larval checks from residents covering all of the towns within the district.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health has developed an “Arbovirus Surveillance and Response Plan” for the state. The Plan creates a system which estimates the human risk for contracting Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile using a several factors including the number of infected mosquitoes. Based on guidelines defined by the Plan, all towns in Plymouth County Mosquito Project were at the “Low Level Risk” for Eastern Equine Encephalitis. We are pleased to report that in 2017 there were no human, or horse EEE cases in the district. There were also no detections of EEEV in the mosquito population.

West Nile Virus was active in Massachusetts. This summer, WNV was found in mosquitoes 17 times in the district. The virus was found in Abington, Bridgewater, Halifax, Kingston, Lakeville, Marion, Middleborough, Plymouth, West Bridgewater, and Whitman. In response to these findings DPH estimated that there was a moderate risk of contracting WNV in Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Rockland, West Bridgewater, and Whitman. There were no human or horse cases of WNV reported in the district. The Project responded to the increased risk by conducting additional surveillance, larviciding, and adulticiding. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 50,694 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent WNV.

The Health threat of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on Massachusetts Department of Public Health website.

In conjunction with the MDPH we have been monitoring *Aedes albopictus* expansion in the state. *Ae. albopictus* is an introduced mosquito that has the potential to become a serious pest and a vector of disease. The mosquito has been present in the Massachusetts since 2009. The larvae live in containers and are closely linked with human activity. They are especially associated with used tires. Our surveillance detected *Ae. albopictus* in the District for the second year. In response we reached out to the affected landowners and removed tires from the site. The Project began a tire recycling program in October 2017. Since the program started, we have recycled 3,346 tires.

The figures specific to the town of West Bridgewater are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of West Bridgewater residents.

Insecticide Applications: Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present. In West Bridgewater 249 larval sites were checked.

During the summer 1724 catch basins were treated in West Bridgewater to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

Our staff treated 1472 acres using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September.

Water Management: During 2017 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 3100 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito production. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Mosquito Survey: Our surveillance showed that the dominant mosquitoes throughout the district were generally *Coquillettidia peturbans* and *Culex salinarius*. In the Town of West Bridgewater the three most common mosquitoes were *Ae. vexans*, *Cx. salinarius* and *Cx. species*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at www.plymouthmosquito.org or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Stephen Gillett
Superintendent

Commissioners:
John Kenney, Chairman
Michael F. Valenti, Vice-Chairman
Cathleen Drinan
John Sharland-Secretary

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

The role of Plymouth County Cooperative Extension is to deliver research-based information to Plymouth County residents through non-formal methods. The Plymouth County Extension staff work on behalf of Plymouth County residents, in concert with UMass Amherst faculty and Extension staff, and the United States Department of Agriculture, to provide valuable information in the program areas of 'Agriculture and Landscape' and '4-H Youth and Family Development'. The Extension System is supported by County, State and Federal funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Local citizens, appointed by the Plymouth County Commissioners, serve as Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Trustees, directing the overall program. Volunteer advisory groups work with Extension staff on developing programs.

Cooperative Extension resources and programs for Plymouth County residents include: 4-H Science and Technology workshops in the areas of embryology, general science and plant science; accredited overnight 4-H summer camps; 4-H animal science summer day-workshops; 4-H Life Skills Training, 4-H Community Service Projects, 4-H Public Speaking Training, 4-H Babysitting Program and 4-H partnerships with local farms and agricultural enterprises including the Marshfield Agricultural Society, Plymouth County Farm Bureau and Plymouth County Grange. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with residents and communities through workshops, lectures, conferences, office visits, phone calls, field demonstrations, radio, television, local libraries, technical assistance, and newspaper articles. Publications such as newsletters, booklets, and fact sheets bring information directly to those who need it. Additional information is delivered through UMass-Amherst Center for Agriculture and Extension web access www.ag.umass.edu

Members of the Plymouth County Extension Staff:

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Valerie Schell, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program
Evelyn Golden, Program Assistant, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program
Blake Dinius, Entomologist, Tick and Insect Education Program (hired Aug '17)
Cathy Acampora, Administrative Assistant

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Accountant	894-1201
Assessors	894-1212
Board of Health	894-1209
Building	894-1207
Conservation	894-4073
Council on Aging	894-1262
Department of Public Works	894-1216
	894-1217
Fire	586-3232
Middle/Senior High School	894-1220
Housing Authority	588-2781
Howard School	894-1250
Library	894-1255
Police	586-2525
Student Services	894-1236
Rose L. MacDonald School	894-1240
Selectmen	894-1267
Superintendent of Schools	894-1230
Treasurer/Collector	894-1203
Town Clerk	894-1200
Veterans	894-1210
Water Department	894-1271

